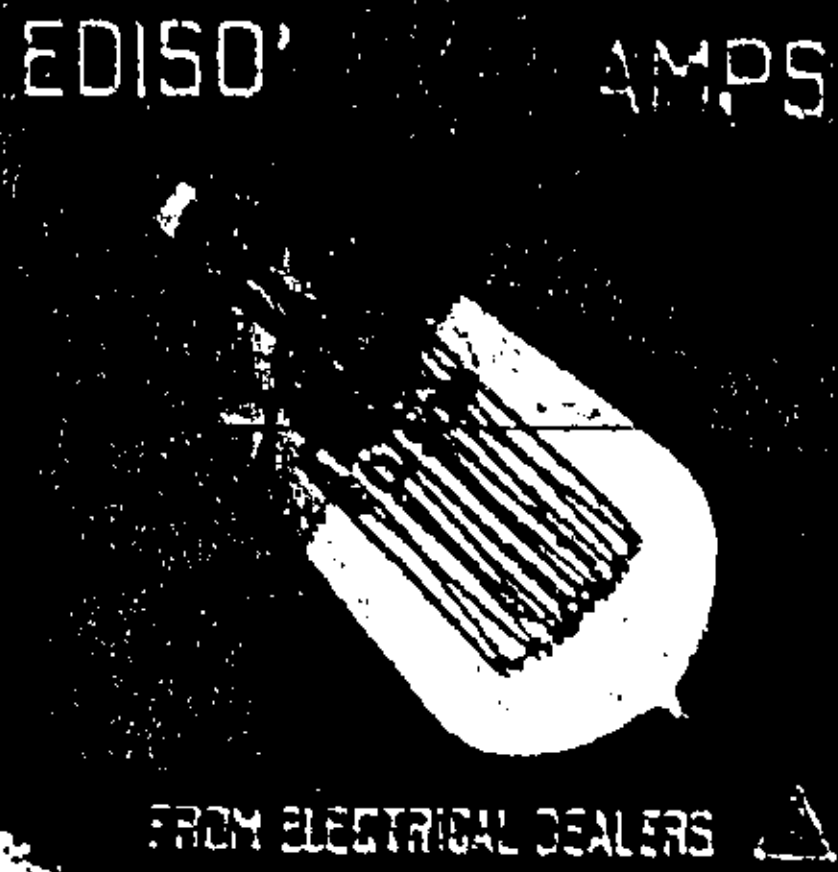




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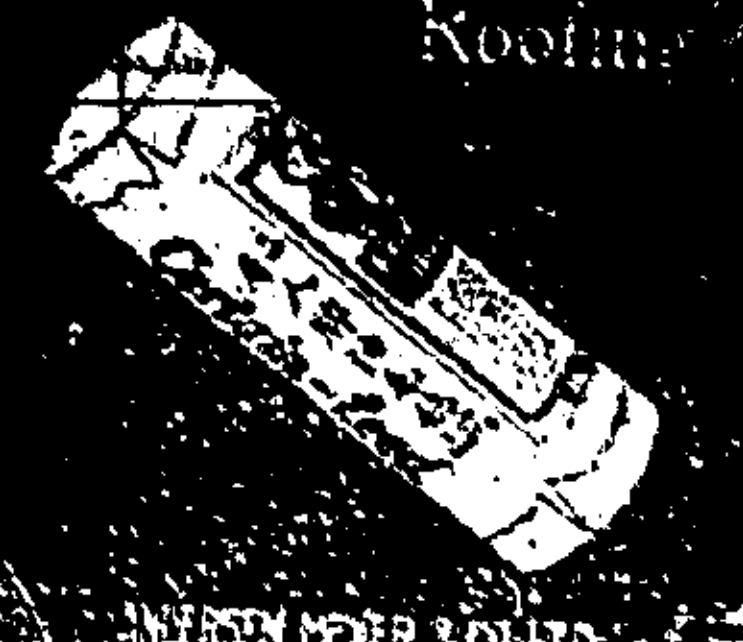
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REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

THE BRITISH BUDGET.

HONGKONG'S WAR CONTRIBUTION MENTIONED.

London, April 19.
In the course of his Budget speech, Mr. Chamberlain said the Income Tax and super-tax had produced £5,000,000 and the Death Duties £7,500,000 above the Estimate. The Excess Profits Tax yielded a surplus of £10,000,000 over the reduced estimate of October, 1919, but there was a deficiency compared with the Budget Estimate. This, however, was only a question of delayed payment. The Stamp Duties were again a record, yielding £19,500,000 over the Estimate. Miscellaneous Revenue exceeded the original Estimate by £71,000,000 and the October Estimate by £130,000,000. Ordinary Miscellaneous Revenue was £29,500,000 over the Estimate. Under Special Miscellaneous Revenue, the war contributions from India and the Colonies were increased by £10,000,000, due to a further payment of £2,000,000 by India on account of her voluntary liability for £100,000,000 of the 5 per cent. War Loan and war contributions from the Straits, Hongkong and Guernsey.

Mr. Chamberlain said he was content to see, after such a war, involving such gigantic financial sacrifices, that this was our position of unexampled and unequalled strength. It was true that it involved further taxes and sacrifices which would not bring popularity to the Cabinet. He was proud they had not sought popularity. Their object had been to rise to the level of their great responsibilities, so that when they went out of office they would leave their successors ample revenue, with the country's credit second to none. (Loud and continued applause.)

THE MEXICAN TANGLE.

New York, April 18.
A message from Aguaprieta, says Senhor Elias, leader of the revolutionaries in Sonora, declares that when the Carranza dictatorship is ended and the State of Sonora is assured her constitutional rights, she will return to the Mexican Republic.

Later.
A message from Aguaprieta says the Sonora revolutionary forces under General Flores have entered Culiacan.

THE GUATEMALA REVOLT.

New York, April 18.
A message from Guatemala City says General Herrera, leader of the revolutionaries, heads the new Government.

DE VALERA HONOURED.

New Orleans, April 18.
Despite a protest by the British Consul General, Mr. Wallis, Dr. Valera has received the Freedom of the City and Doctorship of Laws at the Loyola University.

AN UNLUCKY STEAMER.

Laurens, Marques, April 18.
The s.s. Speedoria, mentioned on the 19th inst., which was petrol laden, caught fire and was practically burned out. Most of the crew took to the boats. The remainder extinguished the flames. The vessel drifted northwards, was eventually sighted off Mozambique and was towed to the mouth of the Limpopo when the cable broke.

THE MARY PICKFORD DIVORCE SUIT.

London, April 18.
A message from Minden, Nevada, says a suit has been filed asking the Mary Pickford divorce to be set aside on the ground of collusion by her former husband, Moore, Mary Pickford and Douglas Fairbanks.

ROMANIAN PRINCES EASTERN TOUR.

Bombay, April 18.
The Crown Prince of Rumania is expected on the 29th inst. He will visit Agra, Delhi, Patiala, Simla and Calcutta, and will leave for the Far East about May 7th.

THE ROME-TOKYO FLIGHT.

Rome, April 18.
A message from Basra, dated the 16th inst., says Captain Ranza and Lieutenant Marzari, who are flying to Tokyo, have arrived there.

EARLIER SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

AERIAL MISHAP.

Singapore, April 20.
Capt. Mathews, after reconnoitring the flying ground at Bali, wanted to land, when his motor suddenly refused. He lost control and the machine crashed into a banana garden next to the flying ground. The machine was destroyed, Sergeant Kay's ribs badly hurt, and further flight abandoned.

TO-DAY'S CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

NORTH AND SOUTH.

NEW PEACE PROPOSALS.

Shanghai, April 20.
The Northern and Southern parties are now trying hard to effect direct peace negotiations and have proposed that Kwangtung, Kwangsi and Szechuen cancel their independence, that Shun Ching-hsu be the Superintendent of Railways of the whole country, that Luk Wing Ting remain at his post as Military Inspector of the Two Kwangs, and Mok Wing Sun still be Tschun in Canton, while reorganisation loans borrowed in future should be proportionately divided among the authorities. It is said that all the Southern authorities have agreed to the terms, excepting those of Yunnan.

A NEW LOAN?

Shanghai, April 20.
It is said that negotiations are informally taking place between the Government and Mr. Lamont for a reorganisation loan of \$200,000,000 after the union of the North and South, and that the land tax of the whole country will be given as security.

(Other Telegrams on Pages 2 and 3.)

SUPREME COURT.

CHINESE WILL CASE.

Before the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Gompertz, this morning, there came up for hearing the case of Ho Chang Shi versus Ho Ngok Lau for an account of the estate of Ho Wo Lau, deceased, alias Ho Wan Ping, who died here on October 31, 1897.

The Hon. Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C., and Mr. C. G. Alabaster, instructed by Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, appeared for the defendant, while Messrs. Eldon Potter and F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. M. W. Lo, appeared for the plaintiff.

Mr. Potter said that the plaintiff was the widow and the administratrix of the estate of Ho Wo Lau, deceased, who died in Hongkong. The plaintiff resides at 12, Queen Victoria Street, and the defendant at 12, Park Road, carrying on the business of a theatrical theatre in Victoria. In or about the year 1897, one Ho Wah Sang started a theatrical business in Hongkong under the name of the Wa Kee Firm and in Canton under the name of Po Cheung. Ho Wo Lau, deceased, and the partner, were subsequently admitted as partners of the said business, each having a one-eighth share then. Ho Wo Lau, deceased, managed the Wa Kee Firm until his death in 1897, and since his death the management of the Wah Kee and Po Cheung had been in the hands of the defendant. The defendant acquired certain leasehold properties and business with the assets of the Wah Kee firm. In July, 1912, Ho Chiu Lau, another partner in the said business, retired therefrom and in November, 1912, Ho Shau Yan, an infant, was posthumously adopted as the son and heir of the deceased. Since the death of the deceased, the defendant had rendered no account of the share of the deceased in the business. The plaintiff therefore claimed from the defendant an account of the share.

The defendant had filed an amended defence, and submitted that the plaintiff should not be admitted as administratrix, as probate action was stayed when the deceased died, when the whole of the property passed into the hands of one Ho She. There was no asset outstanding in any way. Under Chinese law and custom, the plaintiff was not entitled to administer the estate. Under Chinese custom the estate should pass to the nearest male relative. Wa Kee was the name of the Hongkong office. A general account of the whole business was rendered at Canton. The defendant argued that the claim was barred by the statute of limitation.

Mr. Potter submitted that on pleadings of the defendant certain facts were admitted. The facts that were not in dispute were as follows:—That the plaintiff was the administratrix, and her claim as administratrix was admitted. Paragraph three of the defence

BUILDING LOANS.

CREDIT BELONGS MR. FLETCHER.

We have received the following for publication:—

Sir,—It would give me the greatest possible regret if anything which I either said or left unsaid at the recent meeting of the Constitutional Reform Association seemed to deprive the present Colonial Secretary, the Honourable Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, of even the smallest share of the enormous credit which is due to him for having pressed forward the subject of grants of Government Loans for Building.

Mr. Fletcher has been hard at work on the above subject for some considerable time past, and was undoubtedly in the field before the Association. Yours etc.
H. E. POLLOCK.
Hongkong, April 21, 1920.

shortly set out the history of the business, and admitted, with qualification, which appeared in paragraph 7 of the defence, that Canton was the head office, and that Wa Kee was a branch. Defendant also admitted that the deceased managed the Wa Kee firm, until his death. The defendant also admitted purchasing certain leasehold properties in Hongkong. He said that it was not from the assets of the deceased but from the whole firm, although a very considerable portion that went to purchase these properties was from the Wa Kee firm. There was one point that Mr. Potter desired to mention and that was that when the writ of action was issued by the plaintiff the defendant asked that the claim against the defendant be removed to the jurisdiction of the Canton branch. His Lordship was to decide, admitting that the office at Canton was the head office, and that the Wa Kee was on a different footing and was a branch office, and the issue which His Lordship would have to decide was where the business of the Wa Kee was carried on. The other side did not talk of a head office. The Court could ask "where was the business of the partnership carried on?" Mr. Potter would submit facts to show that this business was carried on in Hongkong, and it was a Hongkong business. He would show that the Wa Kee was a Hongkong firm, and the plaintiff, as administratrix of an admitted partner in that firm, was entitled to an account of the share. Counsel cited various references to show that the share of the deceased partner must be decided on the point as to where the business was carried on. This view had been supported throughout.

This case is proceeding.

FLYING TO MACAO.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPROVES AERIAL SERVICE.

We understand that Mr. Ricou's aerial company has received the sanction of the local Government to inaugurate an aerial service from Hongkong to Macao.

The Government has written informing the company that it has no objection to the scheme.

DAY BY DAY.

A force of 1,500 Italian troops are passing through the Colony by the steamer Titan from the North. They are going back to Italy.

The Peak Tramway has now resumed its full service, whilst the normal train service on the Kowloon-Canton Railway will recommence to-morrow.

To-day's Canton Times says:—The several hundred mechanics who have been quartered at the Chinese Engineers' Institute, Hoam, will leave here for Hongkong this morning. The men seemed to be satisfied, and some of them left the city by the evening boat yesterday in order to avoid the rush this morning.

A meeting of the Chinese engineering companies affected by the recent strike and their employees' representatives was held at the Institute yesterday afternoon. A number of Chinese companies were not represented but the settlement was signed by fifteen companies including the three big ones, Tung Tai, Kwong Tak Cheong and Kwong Hip Loong. The document will be taken to Canton to be shown to the strikers. The Chinese employers also agreed to reinstate all the strikers. In the case of the companies which provide board and lodging for their employees it was suggested that the employers should deduct such expenses from their employees' pay.

THE S. S. AFRICA.

The s.s. Africa, an Inter-Alleed vessel under the agency of the Lloyd Triestino, left Singapore to-day and will be in Hongkong on the 27th inst. She will sail from here on the 28th for Shanghai. She will later leave here for Trieste. She has passenger accommodation for 10 first-class passengers and twelve persons will leave Hongkong by her on the homeward trip. Rumours that the vessel has been commandeered by the Italian Government are untrue.

On the overland route all steamers of the Lloyd Triestino are met at Venice by the representative of Messrs. Thomas Cook and Company, who will give passengers all information necessary, make arrangements for the overland journey and place the facilities of Cook's at their disposal. The Simplon Orient express trains leave Venice at 8 o'clock every morning and arrive in Paris at ten o'clock the following morning. These trains are equipped with de luxe cabins and are luxuriously fitted up.

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TO-DAY.

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TO-MORROW.

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CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES.

DECISION SOON EXPECTED.

It is being rumoured that the Secretary of State's decisions on the Civil Service Commission's recommendations for an increase of salaries to Government servants will reach Hongkong at the beginning of next month, the despatch of the Secretary of State for the Colonies having been sent out on March 22nd.

We enquired at the Colonial Secretary's office this morning regarding the truth of this statement and were told that the recommendations were expected here any day now. The Civil Servants received an allowance of 10 per cent. in 1918, and this was raised last year to 20 per cent. pending the final decision from Home.

HIGH MASS.

THIS MORNING'S CELEBRATION.

A very imposing High Mass was sung in the Catholic Cathedral this morning by the Rev. Father Zamponi, in celebration of his sacerdotal Silver Jubilee. Besides those announced yesterday as officiating during the Mass, there were in the Sanctuary a large number of Italian and Chinese Missionaries and Seminarians, representing the different Parishes of the Colony and the numerous Districts in the interior of Bishop Pozzoni's Vicariate. Many of Father Zamponi's friends were also present, as well as a large congregation of teachers and pupils of St. Joseph's College, St. Louis' Industrial School, the Italian Convent (Hongkong Kowloon, Wanchai and West Point Branches), and the French Convent. The following music was sung by the Rev. Fathers Grampa and Banchio, accompanied by the Rev. Father Riganiti:—

Communion	"Venite"
Benediction	"Anima"
"Christi"	Tiel.
Benediction	Tantum
"ergo"	Donini.
Benediction	"Lauda"
"Sion"	F. Chiesa.
Ingressa	Ta tes
Sacerdos	Coronaro.
Introitus	Gregorian.
"Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus, and Agnus Dei"	Perosi.
Alleluja	Gregorian.
Offertory	"Ego"
sum	Bullazzo.

EXCHANGE.

There has been a very keen demand during the past few days for American twenty-dollar gold coins from Singapore and India. Yesterday alone, the Chinese gold-leaf dealers and the native banks negotiated through the local banks Straits bills to the extent of a million dollars. They were selling again to-day against gold shipments. The price of the coin has jumped up a dollar during the past fortnight, from \$21 to \$22.10. Business has been done at two to three points above the official rate.

The opening rate of the Hongkong dollar to-day was unchanged at 4s. 9 1/2d.

The Chinese this morning sold two lakhs of Straits bills against gold shipments 1 1/2 to 2 points above the rate.

Exchange this morning was unchanged from yesterday's rate. Shanghai went up yesterday a penny, but to-day there is no alteration in the rate, which stands at 6s. 4d. for the tacl.

The cross rate between New York and London is down 3/4 cents, as compared with yesterday. Silver is unchanged for ready, but forward is up 5/8d.

There was a sharp spurt in the rate of the franc yesterday, the market going up as much as 100 points. The rate went down to-day 40 points.

OUR PEKING LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Peking, April 7.
There have been persistent reports during the past week that further trouble had occurred in the Cabinet and that the Premier had again tendered his resignation to the President. The Premier, however, still attends the regular meeting of the Cabinet so that the rumour regarding his resignation is obviously not quite accurate. But apparently there is some struggle in progress which outsiders are not privileged to see. The departure of Marshal Tuan Chi-jui from the capital is currently believed to be due to a desire to remove himself from participation in the struggle, and the situation, whatever it may be, is further complicated by the coming to the capital of General Wang Shih-chun, whose visit is supposed to coincide with the idea of reforming the cabinet. But this cannot be proved either. Two reasons are assigned for his presence here. One is to settle a dispute over the property of the late President Feng Kuo-chang and the other is that the temple erected for his late mother is now completed. China is a wonderful country. Here we can have an explanation for everything.

The Soviet Note to the Peking Government has caused quite a flutter in Government circles. To Chin it all seems too good to be true. That Russia should not only waive the Boxer Indemnity but should make a gift to China of the Chinese Eastern Railway—something unbelievable. This is something to which China has not been accustomed and she is inclined to be just a trifle sceptical. Yesterday the Note was discussed by the Cabinet which left the framing of the reply to the Watchdog. It is understood that China will temporise in order that her policy may be in accord with that of the Allies.

It was with genuine regret that Peking parted with Count Ahlefeldt, the Danish Minister, and his wife on Thursday last. The Count has maintained the best traditions of the diplomatic body in Peking and has maintained the prestige of his country while the Countess was beloved for her good works among the indigenous Chinese.

That winter has gone is officially proclaimed by the amount of spring cleaning that is now in progress. Even our busy banks are removing dust in the midst of their financial operations. The dingy brown earth is being covered with green again and the trees present a picture of black, almond, cherry, peach etc.; early flowers are already in evidence.

The weather during Easter week was ideal. Many foreign residents went down to Paitaiho for the week end—the railway to the beach having opened again, but the majority went into the country by motor car, every available automobile in the city seeming to be in commission on Good Friday and Easter Monday. The Easter services in the British Legation Chapel and in the Roman Catholic Churches on Sunday were exceptionally largely attended. An interesting Masonic ceremony was the "relighting of the lights" on Sunday in connection with Tung Chapter of Rose Croix Mr. C. Spurgeon Meachurst, Wise Master, delivered a very interesting address on the occasion showing the application of Freemasonry to world problems.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 4s. 9 1/2d.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast.—Fair. Barometer—29.50. Temperature—2 p.m.—77. Humidity 2 p.m.—75.

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DE VALERA'S CLAPTRAP.

AN IRISH-AMERICAN'S EXPOSURE.

A reader has forwarded us the following interesting clipping from the New York Times embodying an energetic protest by Alderman Quinn of New York, himself an Irishman, against the attempt by the Sinn Feiners to raise Gold \$10,000,000 as "The first loan of the elected Government of the Republic of Ireland."

"Proud of my Irish ancestry and the great part Irishmen have played in the establishment of our country and the proud achievements of Irishmen all over the world, still at this time I feel it somebody's duty to protest against the financial appeal being made by the so-called 'President' of the mythical 'Irish Republic,' De Valera."

"This man no doubt is sincere in his dream of freedom, and as there is nothing dearer to an Irishman's heart than the freedom of the Old Sod his appeal no doubt will have tremendous effect."

"No more generous race exists than the Irish, and it's a pity to see the duly elected representative Mayor of this city pandering to a proposition to relieve Ireland's descendants in this country of \$10,000,000. At first this 'Irish Republic' bond issue was considered a joke, but when a cheap, pettifoggish demagogue like the Mayor we have in the City Hall allows himself to become a party to a fraudulent scheme such as this so-called 'Irish Republic' bond issue, it is about time to raise a protest against such cheap claptrap political pandering for votes, and tell the people the truth."

"A bond issue is a financial lien against tangible property. The misty dream of a deluded agitator is not and never can be called security for a bond issue. If this man De Valera is sincere let him tell the truth about these subscriptions for Irish freedom. It is not a subscription to a bond issue but a financial gift to the man who thinks he is going to free Ireland by travelling around the United States, having his expenses paid by appealing to the sweetest sentiments of the most generous race on earth, aided and abetted by a bunch of political bunco steers who have been fooling the Irish and Irish descendants in this city for years. But I am happy to say the Irish will no longer be fooled by their kidding method."

"Good Americans, including Irish and Irish descendants don't forget that this man De Valera is doing almost identically the same thing in this country that we are deporting the so-called radicals for. Not a native of Ireland, I understand, 5,000 miles away, he is going to solve all their problems. How ridiculous and still therein lies a danger, for with \$10,000,000 he may do enough harm to embroil the United States in a war with Great Britain."

"We have our own problems, particularly the audacious attempt of alien radicals to overthrow our form of Government for what they consider freedom and liberty—a Soviet form of Government—but which we know is nothing more than organized Governmental recognition of legalized murder, robbery and a return to all primal passions or barbarism."

"Irishmen do not be deluded by any such nonsense. If you are interested in the freedom of Ireland do not permit yourself to be carried away by impractical capitalizing of sentiments that are near and dear to you."

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

FINANCIAL CONFERENCE.

London, April 19. The International Financial Conference, mentioned on February 4 will be held at Brussels in the end of May. The Council of the League of Nations invited twenty-five countries, including Australia, Canada, India, Japan, New Zealand, and South Africa to participate in the conference which is the result of representations of leading bankers last January to their respective governments requesting a meeting to be convened to examine the serious world situation. Two official replies were made thereto, one by the Chancellor of the Exchequer who expressed the willingness of the British Government to attend the conference on the condition it was understood the Treasury would not participate in any scheme involving further large government loans and the second by the American Secretary of Finance who pointed out the American Government was opposed to further Government assistance and unable to participate in the conference but was willing that the Chamber of Commerce designate representatives to attend unofficially. The Council is emphasizing that this is the first occasion so many league members have been convened. Hence the conference, while unofficial, will be largely of the character of an assembly of the League itself. It is pointed out the above mentioned communications from the British and American Treasuries indicate that direct government loans will play a most subordinate part in the financial reconstruction of Europe and the conference will mainly consider the means required to enable credit again to flow in ordinary channels.

AIRCRAFT COMPETITIONS.

London, April 19. The Air Ministry announce the inauguration of the Ministry of Aircraft Competitions for 1920, the objects being to ascertain the best types of aircraft which are safe, comfortable, and economical for travel regulations framed with a view to ensuring the all round excellence of winning machines and preventing the success of machines excelling in one quality only, such as speed; also ensuring reliability and economy in flight. Competitions will commence in August. The aeroplane class is divided into two sections, firstly, for small type, seating six; secondly, large type, seating not less than seven, both excluding the crew of the machines. The engines must be constructed within the Empire, excepting secondary equipment, use whereof will be penalised by deducting marks. The seaplane class must accommodate a minimum of two, exclusive of crew. Cash prizes amount to 264,000. Competitions are open to British subjects.

THE IRISH RELEASES.

London, April 19. In the House of Commons, replying to Lord Robert Cecil, Mr. Bonar Law stated that before the prisoners were released from Mountjoy Prison the following statement was read to each and was not objected to: "You are being released on parole to return to this prison and we trust in your honour to do so." The majority of the prisoners went to hospital and a few to their own homes. The police knew the whereabouts of each prisoner. The Irish executive did not think the prisoners' parole would be broken and past experience justified this belief.

SAN REMO.

London, April 19. A San Remo communique says the Peace Treaty with Turkey has been discussed. It was decided to summon Turkish delegates to Paris to receive the text of the treaty on May 20.

EX-KAISER'S FATE.

London, April 19. Replying to Mr. Grattan Doyle, Mr. Bonar Law said the Netherlands had undertaken all responsibility for the safe custody of the ex-Kaiser's person, control of his correspondence, and his relation with the outside world. They had therefore assigned to him a residence within the province of Utrecht. The Allies had unsuccessfully endeavoured to induce the Netherlands to take other action and it was not proposed to use force.

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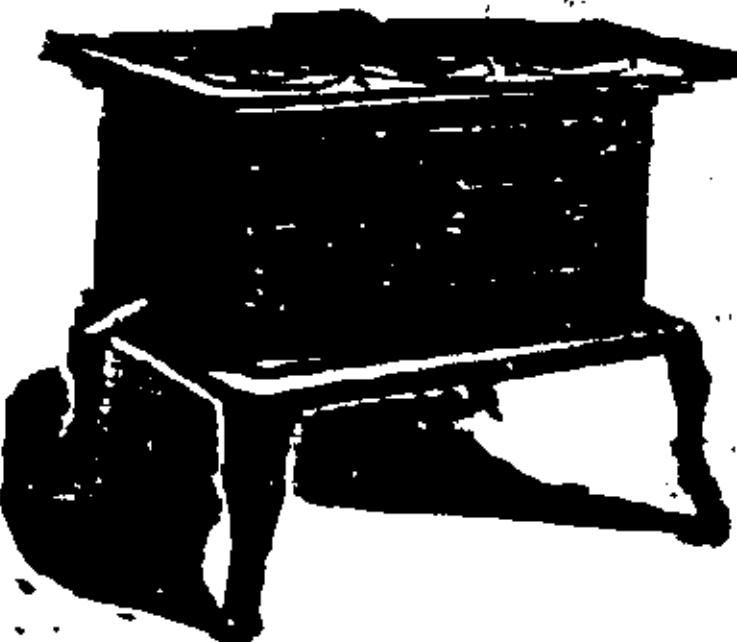
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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

WARNING TO GERMANY.

London, April 19. In the House of Commons, Commander Kenworthy asked whether Lord Kilmarnock's warning to Germany on the effect of food stuffs and raw material being prevented from entering in the event of the establishment of a Communist Government would be similarly applied to prevent the restoration of the Hohenzollerns or the establishment of a military dictatorship in Germany. Mr. Bonar Law replied that the statement covered violent action from any quarter.

WAR IN MEXICO.

Washington, April 17. Mexico has asked the United States for permission to move troops into American territory in order to attack Honora from the North.

A SHANGHAI APPOINTMENT.

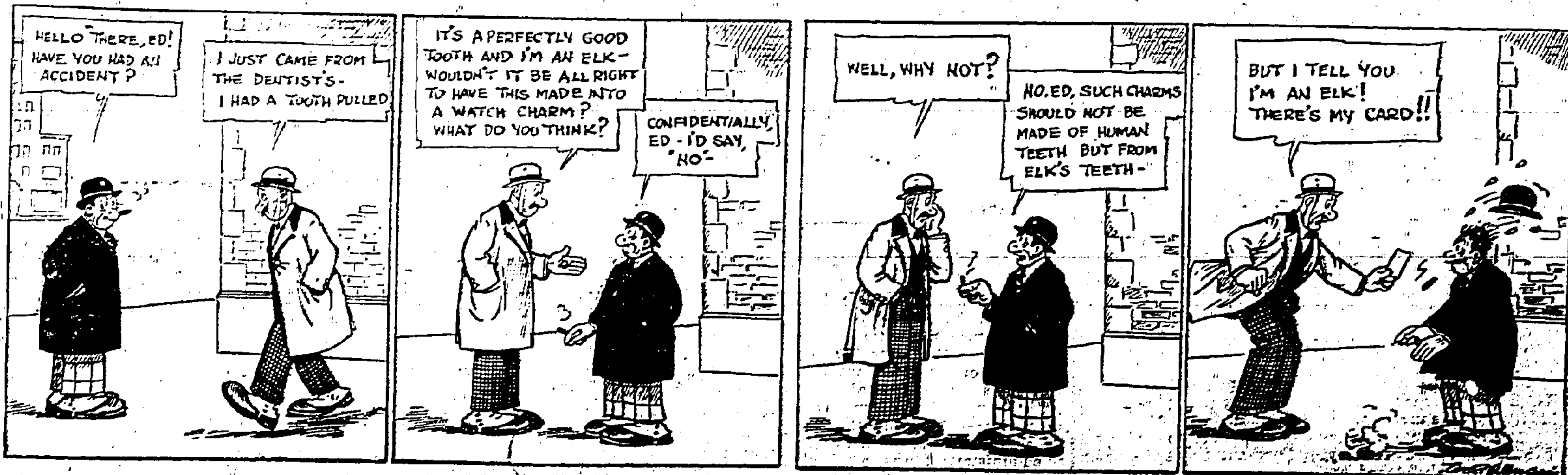
London, April 17. Reverend H. Bunce is appointed principal of Medhurst College Shanghai.

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DOINGS OF THE DUFFS

No Further Argument.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

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THE BRITISH BUDGET.

London, April 19.

The Budget provisions include the fixing of the letterpost at 2d. for three ounces and 1d. for each additional ounce; minimum one shilling telegrams and 1d. for each six ounces of newspapers. It is estimated an increase of £6,500,000 will be made in the revenue of the Post Office. Spirits are raised to 12s per bottle retail and beer by 1d. per pint. The duty on wine will be doubled and the duty on sparkling wines will be 50 per cent. of value.

There is an additional ad valorem duty of fifty per cent on imported cigars with a preferential rebate of one third on cigars from the Dominions and India. There will also be a preferential rebate of one-third on sparkling wines from the Empire. The standard rate of income tax, 6s. per £1, is unchanged but a Bill will be introduced carrying out the recommendations of the Income Tax Commission. The exemption limit of married people will be £250 and of unmarried people £150. The excess profits duty will be increased to sixty per cent.

Mr. Chamberlain proposed to adopt the recommendations of the Royal Commission as regards double income tax and confidently hoped the Dominions would adopt the proposals and make relief complete by similar action on their part, but anyhow it was proposed to put into operation immediately and unconditionally the United Kingdom's share of the arrangement. Where the Dominion rate of tax did not exceed one half the United Kingdom rate relief would be complete. This would cost the Exchequer £2,000,000 yearly. It was proposed to introduce a new tax which might in future substitute the Excess Profits Tax, namely, the corporation tax, one shilling per £1 on the profits of limited liability companies.

Realisations on the vote of credit were increased by £11,000,000 mainly owing to unexpectedly large receipts from the Ministries of Shipping and Munitions. The floating debt on March 31 was £1,312,000,000, a decrease of £100,000,000 compared with last year. The worst feature of the floating debt was the borrowing on wages and means. This was the immediate cause of the inflation of credit and prices. Although the revenue exceeded expenditure he was forced in the first ten days of April to borrow £50,000,000 from the Bank of England on the ways and means account and owing to the non-renewal of maturing Treasury Bills to the extent of £60,000,000 he was compelled to raise the Treasury Bill rate and the Bank Rate was simultaneously raised. This showed the difficulty of having an enormous floating debt and the urgent need of an effective remedy.

The external debt was £1,278,000,000, showing a reduction of £66,000,000 in the course of the year. This would be further reduced by the re-payment of the Anglo-French loan of \$500,000,000. It had been decided to re-pay the whole loan by next autumn without further borrowing from the United States. The effect already produced on our credit justified any such sacrifice. He paid a tribute to the work of the National Savings Committee which was the form of borrowing to which he had readiest recourse. The sale of savings certificates last year brought in £48,000,000, accounting for nearly half the net reduction of the national debt. He estimated the revenue on the existing basis of taxation as £1,441,500,000 and the expenditure £1,177,500,000, leaving £264,000,000 for the reduction of debt. This was insufficient and he made a call on the country for generous efforts to improve credit and lighten the future burden.

Mr. Chamberlain admitted that expenditure for supplies and services was formidable but the supply expenditure for 1919-1920 represented a reduction of nearly sixty per cent. on the previous year's total and for the current year it would show a further reduction of 75 per cent. on last year. This item amounted to £788,000,000 to which must be added £200,000,000 partly to cover the extra cost of unemployment and of the agreement with Australia and New Zealand as regards the island of Norden but mainly to provide further war bonuses for public services. He must allow for applying £160,000,000 out of the surplus of £164,000,000 to the reduction of debt in other forms before he could attack the floating debt.

The estimated loss on the Post Office is £11,000,000 in addition to the increases previously valued. Mr. Chamberlain said the proposals in respect of telephone charges would be submitted to a select committee. Rates for postcards and printed papers would be raised after the International Congress fixed the foreign rate but it was likely postcards would be 1d. and printed paper in proportion.

The petrol tax would be superseded by a license duty on motor vehicles but this would not be enforceable till January. Therefore the existing motor car taxes and motor spirit duty would be continued till December 31. The land value duties would be repealed as unworkable and practically revenueless. Referring to Labourite interruptions, Mr. Chamberlain said Mr. Lloyd George was not concerned and added that the mineral right duty would be maintained.

The Government attached great importance to state valuation of all land and buildings. As regards spirits, the profits of the trade were still unreasonable and therefore the duty would be increased to 72s per proof gallon. It is estimated the increase will yield £24,500,000 yearly. The beer duty would be raised by 23s per barrel, producing £20,000,000 yearly. Both increases would operate to-morrow. Referring to wine duties Mr. Chamberlain said that only consideration for our Allies, specially France and Portugal, prevented a previous increase but it was impossible owing to the further increase on spirits and beer to leave wine untouched. It is estimated the wine duties will produce £4,100,000 yearly. It is estimated the increased cigar duties will produce £300,000 in the current year.

ROME-TOKYO FLIGHT.

Rome, April 17.

A message from Baghdad on April 13 says the aeroplane piloted by Ranza for Tokio has left for Basra. The machine piloted by Farrarin has arrived at Bangkok.

BRITISH SHIP SINKING.

London, April 17.

The steamer Hotham Newton from Ardrossan has sent out "S.O.S." messages that she is sinking in 54.20 North, 13.45 West. A fast British destroyer has been sent out.

OBITUARY.

Baltimore, April 17.

The death is announced of the electrical financier Mr. Theodore N. Vail.

MEN'S WEAR.

BRILLIANT COLOURS FASHIONABLE.

The fashionable Southern resorts in America, which at this season usually offer many interesting advance fashion tips, forecast a reign of colour in all articles of wearing apparel this summer perhaps never approached in this country before. The dress of both the men at Miami and Palm Beach, and Havana, this season is probably as brilliant as that seen at Monte Carlo in the old days. It is declared by those who know that the men of America and Western Europe who are sojourning in these resorts now are dressing in the same colourful degree that the Austrian, Russian and Egyptian potentates used to do when they abundantly sprinkled the Riviera. The world is delicious in its riches and its adaptations, changes and innovations are amazing.

It is no unusual sight to see at Miami, for instance, men wearing pale blue suits of silk or wool, and others in the colour of an orange. White and coloured linen suits are quite popular among the smart set at this rendezvous.

It is noticeable that the majority of the men who are of any importance wear either startling solid coloured shirts of silk or linen with wide low collars, or else ostentatious colours in fine stripes and small conventional figures when the collar and shirt match. Scarfs in solid, loud hues, the most vivid stripes and checks, and entirely new figured foulards of taupe and blue and gray, crimson and black, blue and primrose are being worn. It may also be noticed that these men are wearing silk and wool socks in which two colours are interwoven either in odd weaves, broad stripes, or small checks.

At Miami one's attention is attracted to the flannel and linen suits in which the front line of the jacket from the lower button shows an increasing overlap toward the bottom edge which ends in a decided curve. These jackets are worn by some of the smartest dressed men at this resort.

Some colour combinations which have been noticed there and will later be reflected elsewhere are these: A sky-blue worsted suit, brown and white linen double-breasted waistcoat, blue and white tie, brown and white shoes; tan twill coat, canary linen breeches, tan stockings, white and brown shoes; double-breasted white linen suit, blue shirt, polka dot tie, black and white shoes; white silk Tuxedo suit, low comfortable wing collar and white silk hat.

For some time past there have been unmistakable evidences of a gradual shortening of the sack coat. Particularly has this innovation been noticed in the jackets of the "dear old things" who continually buzz back and forth from London. At present, and in fact ever since the visit of the Prince of Wales, this latest move in the styles of men's attire is as conspicuous about the corridors, lobby and dining rooms of the Ritz-Carlton as are the new millionaire's diamonds.

Thirty years ago the young and old bloods about New York very carefully copied London styles, and one quite frequently saw these men wearing short black jackets and wide striped trousers with the high hat. And now in "places" where men of fashion congregate those same styles may again be seen, for we can find not alone the "dear old things" from overseas in this sort of sack dress, but on many of our own hustling men the tendency to shorten the jacket noticeably and widen the trousers is obvious. This change of mode is already creeping around Broadway, too, for which perhaps the male part of the English stage folk are accountable. The change is so sudden and so radical from saddle length jackets, close fitting trousers, etc., that it may be a bit perplexing to the general public.

GENERAL NEWS.

NO PASSPORTS NEEDED.

It is now announced that British subjects going to Canada direct from the United Kingdom do not require passports.

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FROM THE PULPIT.

THE NEED FOR COURAGE.

Notes of a sermon by the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald at Union Church on Sunday morning.

"There saw we the giants, the Sons of Anak which come of the giants; and we were in our own sight as grass-hoppers; and so were we in their sight." Numbers 13:33.

"Their strength is departed from them, and the Lord is with us." 14:19.

The first of the verses concludes the majority report of the commission of twelve sent to examine the promised land. The second sums up the report handed in by a minority on the same body. Moses' final words as he sent them away were, "Be ye of good courage," a counsel well in place to any commission which has to look into difficult and critical matters. They came back with specimens of the fruits of Canaan and declaring that the land flowed with milk and honey. Nevertheless, "ill-omened word," as the pathos of the story is, "the people be strong that dwell in the land, and the cities are walled very great, and moreover we saw the children of Anak there."

Desirable, but not practicable, was the sum and substance of this unanimous report, as of many another since when anything worth while is in contemplation. Majority reports usually, for faith and courage, are commonly confined to the few. However, among the twelve representative men there was happily one old man who could dream dreams, also one young man capable of seeing visions, Caleb and Joshua, hail eyes to see what escaped the others, and though outnumbered five to one they had the courage to present to the angry, disquieted people threatening to go back to Egypt a report of their own directly contrary. "Let us go on at once and possess the land," said sturdily old Caleb, "for we are well able to overcome it."

Desirable and with God's help possible, was the amendment of these two to the discouraging finding of the ten, and though the amendment was lost for the moment by an overwhelming majority, it was carried unanimously a generation later when the caravans of the contending and upholders had perished in the wilderness to which their own faithlessness had condemned them.

Now these two alternatives are constantly coming up for the testing of men and nations. "Desirable but impracticable," and "desirable and with God's help possible," the ordinary verdict upon a Christian course of life, for instance, is that of this majority report. When our Saviour was here on earth the common remark of the average man was, "Lord I will follow Thee, but..." People looked around Him and as they listened took longing glances into a fair and better country. But the upshot in most cases was that they went away, the one to his farm, the other to his merchandise, another to his comfortable home, another to his great possessions.

Many a one still hangs back because, while he is drawn to the good land, his eyes cannot get past the "Sons of Anak." The temptations he will have to meet, the sacrifices he may have to make, the opposition he will encounter loom so large that he exiles himself, reluctantly perhaps but effectually, to the desert. How often one is told in effect, "I do not confess Christ because I am afraid." "I refrain from uniting myself with the Church because I am afraid." Why, we had even in a local journal lately the statement that many people in this place will not even so much as go to Church for fear their neighbours should charge them with setting up to be good! A rare set of nonentities we seem to live amongst! If I had not more mind of my own than that, I would take myself somewhere where mind is not needed. We are told about that kind of man in the New Testament; our Lord Himself has something to say

about him. He is the man who went and hid his talent in the earth, "because," as he said, he "was afraid," and his portion was appointed in the realm of fear, which is the realm of darkness.

"Desirable but not practicable," again is not this our too ready verdict when in general we are invited to make any notable advance in the way of godliness? Who of us has not made use of it to quench the Spirit in our time? Is it not stock comment, on the nobler phases of Scripture teaching, the unspoken remark after many a sermon? We catch sight now and again of a level of Christian living compared with which our own is but as a "poor dying rate," we get glimpses into a land which makes ours seem but a wilderness. But there also we catch sight of the "Sons of Anak which come of the giants," self-distrust creeps in and that kind of humility which is as far as may be from the Christian grace so named. We are in our own sight as grasshoppers, like the ten spies, comparing themselves with the Canaanites and forgetting to compare the Canaanites with the great God. There is really so much of this grasshopper business. It is no humility but sheer disloyalty when the children of God cower before the sons of Anak. And so we were in their sight, whined these grasshopper majority men after proclaiming their self-abasement. Certainly, if the children of light make themselves mean they may expect the sons of darkness will take them at their own valuation. It is not Christian humility which ever justifies men of this world in assuming, as they like to do, that believers in Christ are poor craven creatures without the courage of their convictions or faith to put in practice the principles they profess.

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Mr. William Hamond Bartholomew, civil engineer of Headingley, Leeds, after making provision for his daughter, left his fortune of £172,798 to charities, to be divided as follows: Two-fifths to the Incorporated Leeds Church Extension Society, Two-fifths to the Leeds General Infirmary, One-fifth to Leeds Public Dispensary.

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NOTICE.

RUSSIAN VOLUNTEER FLEET.

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Mr. A. V. Prigarin, the known Promotor of the ALL-RUSSIAN ZEMSTVO CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATIONS, has been appointed Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Russian Volunteer Fleet and Captain D. A. Lukhmanoff, Russian Volunteer Fleet, Agent at Nagasaki, has been nominated General Manager of the Russian Volunteer Fleet for the Far East and Executive Director of the above-mentioned Board. (Ordinances of the Provisional Government Nos. 167 and 21 dated March 25, 1920).

With the establishment of the legal Board of Directors within Russia, the former Board, which operated themselves taking Constantinople and since acted arbitrarily at their own discretion and with unjustifiable irresponsibility before the State, is declared invalid by the Provisional Government.

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Capt. D. A. LUKHMANOFF, Executive Director of the Board.

NOTICE.

RUSSIAN VOLUNTEER FLEET.

To all whom it may concern. Mr. N. D. Fedoroff, Russian Volunteer Fleet Agent at Tsingtao, acting Agent for Central Japan, by virtue of Art. 34 of the Constitution of the Russian Volunteer Fleet, is discharged from his office by the Board of Directors of the Russian Volunteer Fleet.

The dismissal of Mr. N. D. Fedoroff has been legalized by the Minister of Trade and Industry of the Provisional Government (The Zemstvo of the Littoral Provinces). In consequence of this the Russian Volunteer Fleet warns all banks, concerns and individuals against Mr. N. D. Fedoroff's acts on behalf of the Russian Volunteer Fleet, for which acts the Russian Volunteer Fleet would not bear any responsibility after this announcement.

On all questions arising from the contracts, agreements, obligations, etc. already signed by Mr. N. D. Fedoroff, as the Representative of the Russian Volunteer Fleet, the parties interested are invited to apply, a. once to the duly authorized Executive Director of the Russian Volunteer Fleet, Capt. D. A. Lukhmanoff, care of Nagasaki Agency of the Russian Volunteer Fleet (Address: Oura Bond No. 4, Nagasaki).

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NOTICE.

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Judging commences at 3 p.m.

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Entries close 24th inst. at 7 p.m.

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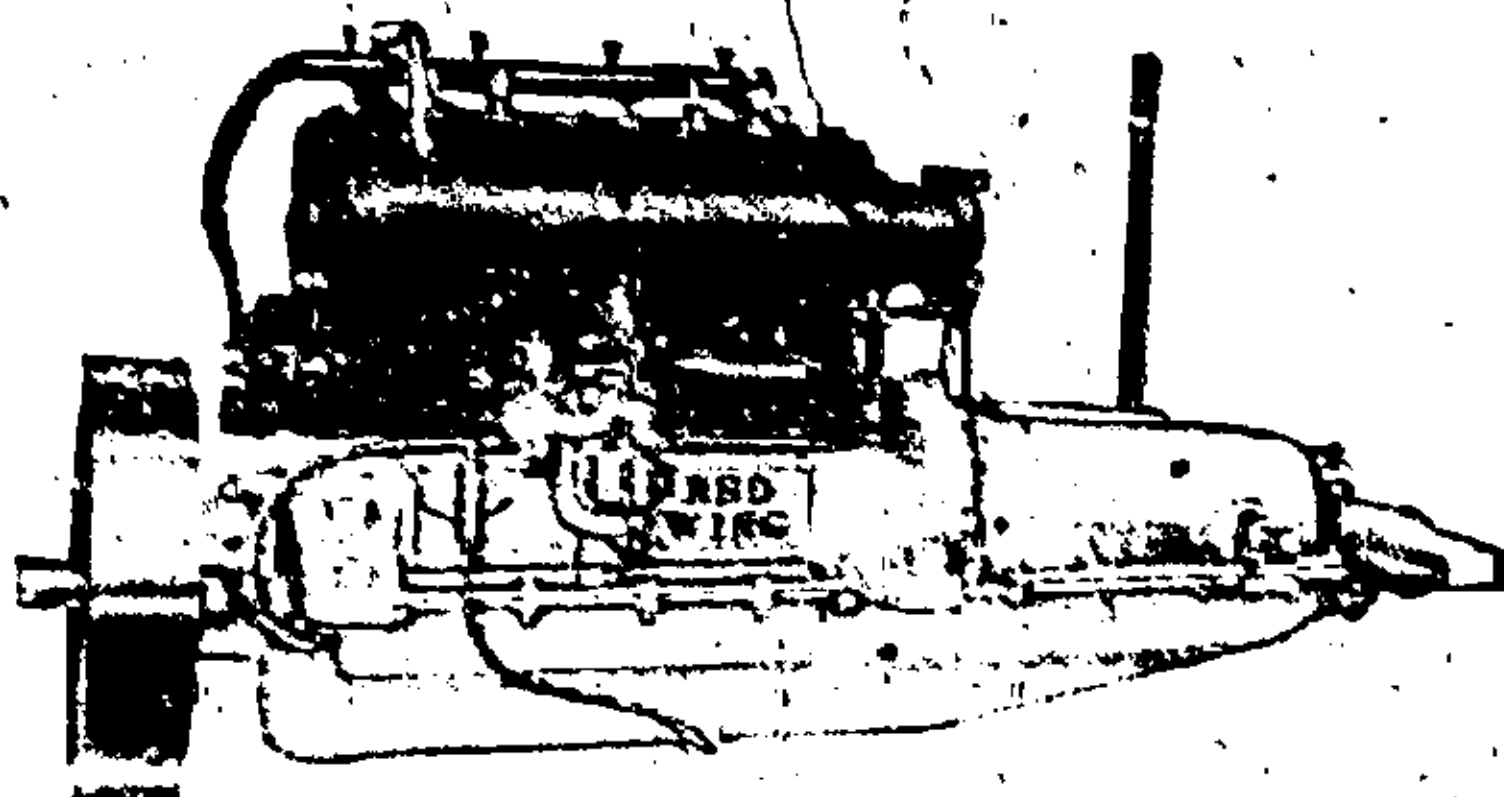
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Consignees of cargo are hereby notified that they must produce an Import Permit signed by the Superintendent of the Imports & Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading can be countersigned.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the godowns, where they will be examined on April 21st at 10 a.m.

All claims must be presented within a week of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognized.

No claim will be admitted after the goods have left the godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered under April 22nd, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature immediately.

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Hongkong, 15th April, 1920.

HONGKONG
AVIATION CLUB.INAUGURAL MEETING
YESTERDAY.

A meeting was held at 5 p.m. yesterday at the Chamber of Commerce Room, Chartered Bank Building, of those interested in the formation of an Aviation Club in Hongkong.

Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak presided, supported by some of the Committee of the Chamber, including Messrs. E. D. V. Farr, A. O. Lang, J. A. Plummer, C. H. P. Hay, G. M. Dodwell, and E. A. M. Williams (Secretary). The attendance was not large. Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock was present.

The Chairman said it would be in the recollection of all that on the occasion of the visit of the American Aerial Commission in February last, a meeting was held on 3rd February, in the City Hall at which the following resolution was unanimously and enthusiastically adopted: "That an Aviation Club should be formed as soon as possible, and in consequence of which yesterday's meeting had been called. He was not prepared to say, nor was he qualified to do so, what probability there was in the near future of commercial flying becoming a paying proposition, nor whether the developments will come upon the lines of aircraft or seaplanes, in these parts, which, to the layman, seemed more probable, but he did say that startling developments were so imminent that it behooved them to prepare for them by forming such a Club as that for which the meeting was called. One had already been formed in Shanghai and he prophesied that it would not be long before they were linked all along the coast of China.

It was obvious that in any defence scheme of the future in connection with this Colony aircraft must play no small part, and in addition to that there would be increasing attempts to demonstrate in the near future the possibility of circulating the globe, including Hongkong "en route." One such attempt had already been organized by America, called the First Aerial Derby—Round the world, which, he believed, included Hongkong as a port of call. Nor did it need any considerable stretch of imagination to realise the immense commercial possibilities of flying between here and Canton and between here and Shanghai. The practical possibility of using aircraft for mail purposes and for the conveyance of fairly heavy material was so amply demonstrated during the recent railway strike in England (and he himself witnessed a great deal of what was done) that it brought it not only within the realm of practical possibility but also of imminent realisation; and it seemed to him that it was quite within reasonable probability, granting that they were prepared to pay what extra cost might be demanded for the rapid conveyance of mails, between here and Shanghai particularly, to make the commercial proposition a paying one; and the possibility of communication between here and Shanghai by passenger flight in twelve or fourteen hours made it also a question which was seriously engaging attention. Because of all this it was desirable that there should be formed an Association or Club consisting of men in this Colony who were pilots or flight commanders and who had had practical experience of flying on the different fronts during the war and were now stationed here or resident here, and who by their association with a Club would be known and able to assist the Government by giving

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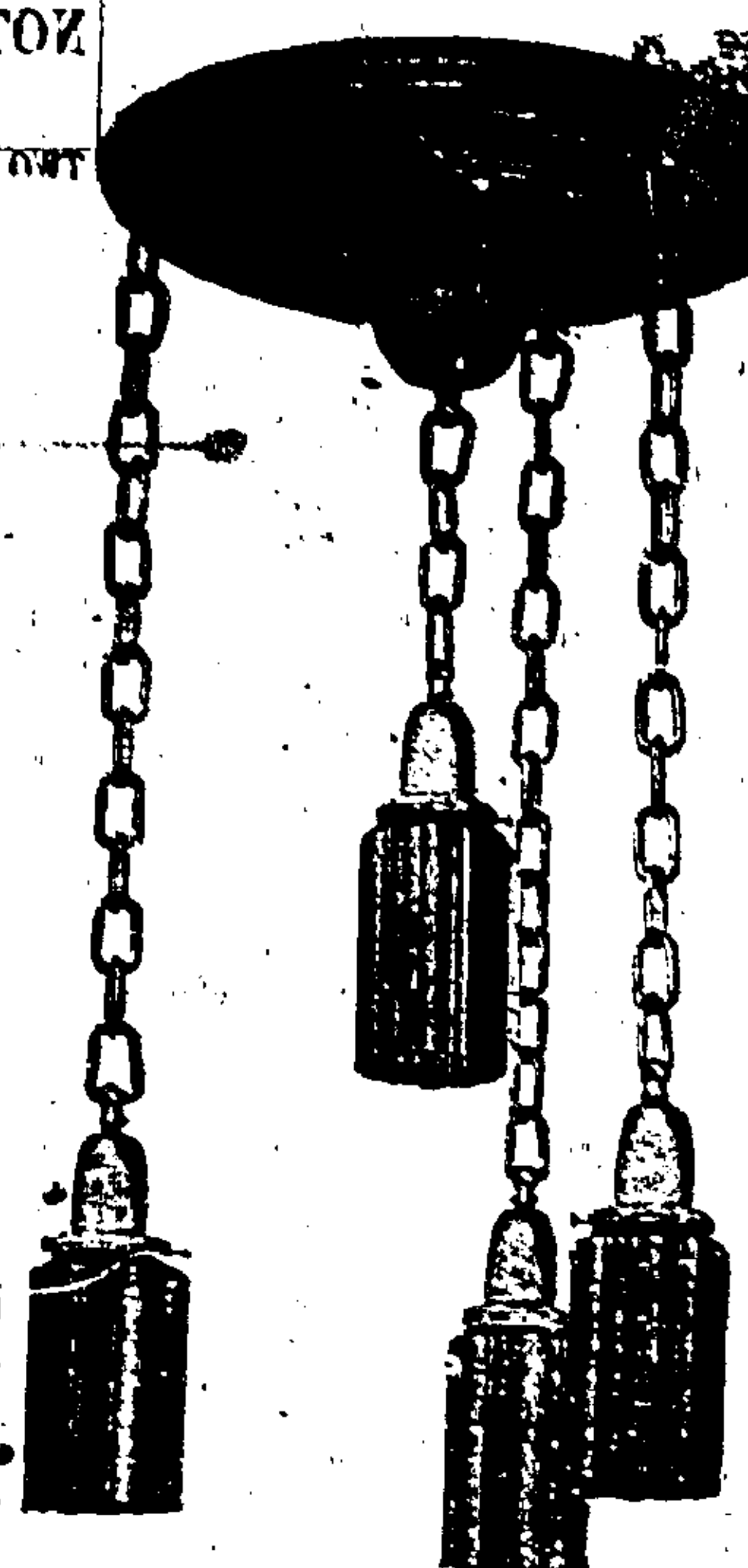
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COMMERCIAL NEWS.

THE SILVER MARKET.

In the course of their report of February 12 last, Messrs. Samuel Montagu and Co. state:—The notice given to Parliament on February 10 that the Chancellor of the Exchequer would introduce a bill, to amend the law as to the standard fineness of silver coin in the United Kingdom and other parts of His Majesty's dominions is one more step, and a most important one, in reducing the urgency of the silver demand for coinage, for obviously the intention of the Bill will be to reduce the fineness of the metal struck. The countries affected by the sterling coins, of a nominal value similar to those of the United Kingdom, pass current. Recently it has been proposed that the quality of Canadian subsidiary silver coins should be reduced to 800 fine. A reduction in quality of sterling silver coin (925) to 800 fine would not solve the difficulties on account of which the Bill is to be introduced, for the cost of providing the metal would still exceed the nominal value. For instance, the value of the silver in an ounce of metal 800 fine would be, at today's price, 76.75d., whilst the coins struck therefrom, would, unless the present legal gross weight of the coins be altered, only pass current for 65d. Even 700 quality would cost 67.15d. In other words, if the silver coinage is to be brought below its melting value, the weight of the coins and/or the fineness must be reduced to an adequate extent. The consumption of silver by the Indian Bazaars in the old days used to be about 35,000,000 ounces per annum. We have now to do with a people enriched by the war and rationed as to gold. In these circumstances, even a larger annual absorption is possible. The restoration of a free market will be very welcome to the Indian bazaars, to whom silver speculation possesses keen attraction, linked, as the demand for the metal has always been to the prospects of harvest. Forced for a while to transfer the exercise of their

practical advice on flying and who, by reason of their association, would also be able to organise such preparations as would be necessary from time to time in connection with flights round the world. For that reason the Chamber had called the meeting, in the hope that some practical result might follow. It was perfectly evident to anyone who followed the labours of the Chamber and the work done by it that it would be impossible for the Chamber to further this scheme. The Chamber was merely a practical means for bringing the men together, with the idea of forming the Club, and if the Chamber could render practical assistance it would be glad to do so. He suggested therefore that those present should select a committee which would organise a Club as suggested and from that proceed to practical results. He suggested that they name from amongst their number, or even from amongst those not present but whom they knew of, a number of names to form the practical committee, and that that committee should elect its own chairman and so proceed to the formation of the Club. The following names were then suggested and were approved:—Capt. F. Arthur (Convener), Messrs. Lampugh, Turner, Chatham, Farrell, Burnie, R. M. Smith.

No more nominations being forthcoming, the Chairman suggested that those mentioned be the Committee with power to add to their number as they found men who would be useful, the Committee to elect its own Chairman and Secretary. He had in his possession a copy of the rules of the New York Club which he would be pleased to hand over for their assistance.

The suggestions were adopted and the meeting terminated.

APPRENTICESHIP SYSTEM.

The apprenticeship system is to be revived at Kingston-on-Thames under the direction of the local Chamber of Commerce. Apprentices will pay no premium, and will serve for four years, receiving 14s. a week the first year and 20s. the fourth year.

sporting instincts to the tendering for gold offered by Government, they will turn with renewed zest to the opportunity of a much larger margin of profits afforded by operations in silver, now phenomenally high in price, and liable to wide fluctuations from causes remarkably diverse in character. It is fairly safe to assume that a free market for silver in India will in the long run, result in doing away with the need for coining more silver rupees for some time to come. The embargo upon the private importation of silver into India not only caused the melting of rupees but also increased hoarding owing to a fear of a greater scarcity of this metal in the future. When the bazaars are supplied freely with silver, and the price of silver in India falls in consequence below the melting value of the rupee, it is reasonable to expect that coins will be resurrected from the soil and wherever else they may have been secreted, and that there will be an abundance of hoarded silver rupees brought into circulation. The huge coinage of India in recent years encourages this idea. It is worthy of notice that, as the Indian bazaars are not likely to buy above the melting value of the rupee in India, the price they can pay, as well as the currency pound value of the rupee will both largely be measured by the premium on gold in England.

CARPENTIER'S SPEECH ON
WEDDING HOAX.

Since a large crowd waited in vain recently to witness the ecclesiastical marriage ceremony of Carpentier at the church of Saint Ferdinand des Ternes, the champion has been asked by telephone the meaning of the delay. He replied that he knew nothing about it. But as there were so many people waiting, he went down to the church, where he was loudly cheered. He then made a speech, in which he apologised for the disappointment caused by some unknown joker—whose announcement of the marriage ceremony had appeared in all the papers.

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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 1920.

COMPETITIVE SHIPBUILDING.

Not only because Hongkong is in itself a shipping port of great importance but also because it is a Colony of an Empire that has held pride of place for centuries in the matter of shipping that anything having relation to the shipping position of other countries is of extreme interest. At the present time we are witnessing keen competition for the Pacific business and it is also a well-known fact that even on the China Coast itself competition is becoming a serious factor. And chief among the shipping countries of the world stands Japan in whose activities we have a special interest by reason of our comparatively close contiguity.

We make no excuse for taking a very long extract from a prominent Home journal on the question of Japan's rivalry in the shipping world, because it shows that the people of the Old Country are pretty much alive to the question of competition which this go-ahead Eastern country is responsible for. The journal states:— "Our ally Japan has grown rich out of the war. The opportunity to take a more important place among the manufacturing nations came to her, and she has made the most of it. Those engaged in the textile trades realise what they are up against in facing the competition of cheap Japanese labour. We shall learn in due course what it means in the shipbuilding industry. Lord Furness is going to Japan and will doubtless form his own opinion as to what is likely to be achieved by the Japanese shipping and shipbuilding industries during the next few years. Since the armistice Japanese shipowners have inaugurated a number of new services, and never was so great a showing of Japanese tonnage seen in the ports of Europe as to-day. It may be suggested that the new ambitions of Japan to become a great shipping nation are of more import to the United States than to ourselves as we can hold our own, whereas the American shipowner is operating his vessels at higher rates than any other nation. We had better not be too sure about this; this problem of cheap Eastern labour is going to be a serious one to all industries in the Western world. It is true that legislation has been passed which will, during the next few years, raise the status of labour in Japan by shortening the working day, but even this reform will leave a great disparity after allowing for the difference in the cost of living—between Japanese and European and American labour costs. In the shipbuilding arena the weakness of Japan is that she has to import so much material from her chief rivals, and to that extent her ambitions can be checked. She can and will, however, continue to develop a native steel-making industry, so as to be independent of foreign sources of supply of shipbuilding material. In other respects our eastern ally is extremely well equipped for making a powerful bid for real distinction in shipbuilding. What is being done to-day shows this quite clearly. The type of vessel now building is mainly the 3,000 tonner, and construction resources are engaged up to the hilt. The yards are well laid out; thoroughly equipped with modern labour saving appliances, and thanks to a close study of British and American methods—particularly the former, are quite in line with recent practice. Japan may at present be only imitative, and not creative in shipbuilding, but what she is doing she is doing well. There are between 500,000 and 600,000 gross tons of new shipping now on the stocks, and many people know exactly what is being done. In spite of this knowledge, considered opinion as to the future of the industry in Japan differs just as much as the conflicting statements we used to hear about American shipbuilding. For our own part, we believe that it will be necessary to keep a very close watch on what is being done in Japan."

Such a comment as the above, coming as it does from a responsible quarter, should cause British ship-builders a little serious thought. And it has a very direct application to Hongkong. We heard a little while back that Hongkong was the cheapest place in which to build ships and it is to be hoped that even with the increased cost of labour which the settlement of the recent labour dispute will mean local costs will never become so exorbitant as to seriously interfere with the local industry. Of course, Hongkong is more concerned with repairs perhaps than construction, but it has a future in the latter direction if costs can be made favourably competitive with outsiders. The cry to-day from all parts of the world is still "Ships and more ships" but with construction maintained at its present high rate the day cannot be very far ahead when competition alone will rule the placing of orders. We believe that the Home concerns will hold their own, but it is a sign of very valuable anticipation to read such comment as that given above. It will only be by studying what others are doing and by preparation to meet them that Britain's ship-building industry will hold its traditional eminence.

NOTES & COMMENTS.

TWO PROPHECIES.

Strange communications find their way into newspaper offices. Those that never see the light of day so far as the public is concerned are often the weirdest. Here is one just sent us from Pakhoi, which is too good to be pigeon-holed.—"My dear Editor,—Passing events leak out of my brain in a most brilliant fashion. I either forget them or remember them when they come to pass. The following two items I have kept fresh in my mind for nearly a year.—The German Kaiser will regain a very exalted position on this earth. A coloured man of Asia will appear; his power and deeds will be extraordinary; his courage will be greater. There are other details connected with these things but I am not going to trouble you with them. I am perfectly confident these things will come to pass, and they are not far off. I merely make these visions known to you for a test, and I ask you to bear witness. As evidence of my faith, I give you my name, but I ask you to keep it secret, as I don't wish to be branded as a dreamer or a prophet." Well, we are quite prepared to "bear witness" and to keep the correspondent's name to ourselves, but if it should so happen that these visions come true, won't our prophesying friend be done out of well-earned notoriety by being so intensely modest about it? When we get letters like this one, we feel almost tempted to do a little prophet-pidgin ourselves. It's wonderfully easy, after all—if you are careful to omit dates. Try it on your friends. If they should later be so impolite to remind you that your forecasts have not been realised, you can always give them the Asquithian answer, can't you?

SHIPS AND POLITICS.

There has been a deal of curiosity felt as to the eventual disposition of the big fleet of steamers now owned by the United States Shipping Board. Companies which have been operating them at fixed rates not very profitable to themselves have been wishing, many of them, for an opportunity to purchase outright. But they have not got further than wishing. A Bill is now being drafted, we see, to provide that all merchantmen owned by the Washington Government shall be sold to private interests within the next ten years. Whether it will become law is quite another question. Strange as it may seem to some of us, this Shipping Board question is entangled with politics. We do not know how many officials there are in the service of the Board, but we have heard it stated in American circles that the Democrats, who gave these men their jobs, are not for the time being likely to advance the idea of a cessation of State ownership of the Shipping Board vessels, as such a policy would meet with disapproval amongst the officials and the Democrats would then stand a very good chance of losing thousands of votes in the Presidential elections. So until the elections are over, it is not likely that there will be any change of present policy. It's a funny business, isn't it? When we get into the realm of politics, ordinary business methods don't count much.

ERRONEOUS IDEAS.

Just as an instance of how erroneous ideas get abroad regarding conditions in China we will quote the following that we noticed in one of the recent American newspapers to hand:—"All doubt as to whether China is becoming 'modern' is now at an end. The first Chinese labor union has been launched at Shanghai. A group of laborers returned from the war zone in France is responsible. What the demands are as to wages, hours of labour and 'closed shop' are not stated in the Shanghai announcement, but the mere fact is in itself enough. Now begin the real troubles of the Chinese."

On the horizon of the Republic of the Sun can be plainly seen the future industrial relations commissions, threats of "open shop," "boycott," "blacklist," "eight-hour day" and all the rest of the accompaniments of the modern industrial struggle between organized capital and organized labor. When the allied commanders called for the brawn of the Chinese coolies to help win the war in France, they did not know they were planting the seed of labor unionism in far off Shanghai—but such is life! What this American writer fails to realise is that China is, perhaps, the country

DAY BY DAY.

HE THAT HAS NEVER KNOWN ADVERSITY IS BUT HALF ACQUAINTED WITH OTHERS OR WITH HIMSELF.

Entries for the Dog and Poultry show close on the 24th instant at 7 p.m.

The Chinese charged with being implicated in the Bowen Road robbery has been committed for trial.

Mrs. J. J. Gorman and Mrs. D. J. Hanscom were among the passengers who left by the Colombia to-day.

During yesterday there were notified one fatal case each of small-pox, diphtheria and cerebro-spinal fever. All were Chinese.

Ten men have been arrested on charges of complicity in the Cat-chick Street robbery which resulted in the murder of one of the victims.

After many years' service as works manager of the Green Island Cement Co., Mr. S. A. V. Uddall left for Home on the Persia Maru.

Among the passengers left by the "Colombia" to-day is Mr. J. Vincent Braga, who is making a tour through North China, Korea, etc., prior to returning to his old position in the Toyo Kisen Kaisha, San Francisco.

In "An Islander's Diary," contributed by "Ajax," which appeared yesterday, it was stated that Mr. James Reid, of Taikeo Docks, had left his post during a crucial stage of the Chinese labour trouble. This was a mistake, as Mr. Reid is still at Takoo. We regret the slip.

In connection with the Hongkong Schools sports to be held on Friday, the Band of the 2nd Wiltshire Battalion will play by kind permission of the Commanding Officer. The expenses are being defrayed by Mr. Lee Hy San, an old Queen's College Student, who takes a great interest in education in the Colony.

The Misses Woods gave the last class of their session in Hongkong at the City Hall last evening, when a large number of pupils attended. Special demonstrations in the latest dancing steps were given and a very happy time was spent. Mrs. Harry Woods and her daughters leave by the s.s. Mentor for Singapore on Tuesday next. If they return to Hongkong later, they will be assured of a warm welcome.

The local Japanese Consulate has received advices that Prince Higashikuni Nomura, a member of the Japanese Royal family, will arrive in the Colony by the Andie Lebon, on the 26th instant, on his way to France, where he will study the military organisation of the European armies. The Yokohama Maru, which arrives here about the same date, has on board Mr. Hata who is proceeding to Christiania to take up his duties as Japanese Embassy there.

In Queen's Road Central, at 4 o'clock this morning, a Chinese was arrested by Sgt. Shaftain, who, in his rounds, came upon the man busy testing the locks of several houses. A chisel was discovered in his pocket. A statement, subsequently proved to be false, was made by the prisoner to the effect that he was employed in a boiler shop at Causeway Bay. He was fined \$50 at the Police Court to-day, with the alternative of one month's hard labour.

that has witnessed organised labour longer than any other, for her system of Guilds go back into very remote antiquity as compared to the Western idea of organisation. And as regards strikes, why we in Hongkong have just recovered from one. Yes, China is becoming modern, slowly, but if the writer thinks that labour questions of the kind he has enumerated are modern, then he ought to study the Chinese a little more before making any such wild assertions. In some respects China could be modern in a hundred years time, even though she never progressed one iota.

AVIATION NOTES.

[BY "METEORITE"]

Beyond the enthusiasm raised amongst a few members of the Chamber and the Colony's flyingmen, the meeting held last evening at the Chamber of Commerce rooms, was conspicuous for its small attendance, which fact did not promote anything like a lively discussion. The Chairman, the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, made a speech which, in the main, contained no point of remarkable interest, except for its reference to the necessity for forming an Aero Club to prepare for the developments which are so imminent in the Colony. He ventured to prophesy that the near future will see a linking up of the activities of the Aero Clubs all along the Coast. He showed a disinclination to venture on a statement as to what probability there is in the near future of commercial flying becoming a paying proposition, or whether the developments would come upon the lines of the aeroplane or seaplane, which latter "to the layman seems more probable." It looks very much as if it is probable, doesn't it, when we have been reading reports of the activities of Mr. Ricou for such a service?

A practical step towards the formation of the proposed Club was taken when Capt. T. Arthur was called upon to form a Committee of returned aviators, the names of a number of whom were suggested for a Committee which will proceed to take practical steps for its establishment. With the exception of Captain Arthur, all the suggested members are flying men who secured their experience in the late war. They were Messrs. Lamplugh, Turner, G.K. Chatham, Farrell, A.A. Burnie and R. M. Smith. As the Aerial Derby has been definitely postponed for another year, owing to the non-completion of the arrangements, there is plenty of time for them to give their attention to other matters which will shortly come within the province of the proposed Club. The advice and assistance of these aviators in this connection will be extremely valuable in preventing the organisation from falling into sheer inertia from a want of technical guidance.

In these days of aviation endeavours, when one daily hears of daring flights, the Rome-Tokyo venture, now being undertaken by Italian aviators, occupies a prominent position in the public interest by reason of the great distance the airmen are attempting to cover. Though without the glamour that attached to the spectacular Alcock-Browne flight across the Atlantic, this attempt is not without its spice of uncertainties. Weather disadvantages and technical defects to the contrary, the airmen have to contend with dangers which were perhaps not expected when they set out on their enterprise. I refer to the aggressiveness they have met with at the hands of the lawless tribes of Asia Minor, who, in one instance, shot down the machine flown by Captain Ranza and took the pilot prisoner. He was subsequently released by the more friendly Arabs, and will most probably resume his flight as soon as repairs have been effected to his machine. Beyond being merely spectacular, the present endeavour will test the possibility of a long-distance aerial commercial route between Italy and the extreme regions of the Far East.

The flight is not without its element of tragedy, for the sad news has been received of the deaths of two of the competitors, Gordesco and Grasse, in an aeroplane crash which occurred in an attempt to land at Bushire. It is a regretful circumstance that, having accomplished as much as they did, this fatal misfortune should overtake them. Their deaths, while being deeply mourned by their comrades, will not only be a spur to the latter to harder efforts with "En Avant" as the motto and spirit of the undertaking.

A word or two concerning the type of machine used for the flight will prove interesting at the present juncture. Doubtless there have been attempts made by readers to puzzle out what "S. V. A." signifies. The whole history of the machine is in these letters, the first two of which are the initials of its designers, Majors Savois and Verdazio, who,

EUROPEAN WARDER IN TROUBLE.

ABSENT FROM DUTY.

The effects of being "grounded" together with shell shock, which he suffered in France, the war, coupled with aggressive defence put up by William Dobinson, a warder at the local Gaol who was, at the Police Court, before Mr. N. L. Smith this morning, charged with absenting himself from duty. He was yesterday brought back from Canton, where he had gone on leaving his duties.

The charge read:—"For that the said William Dobinson having duly engaged and bound himself as Warder in the Victoria Gaol from the 3rd of February, 1920, on twelve months' probation, did on the 15th day of April, 1920, absent himself from duty, contrary to the Gaol Ordinance."

The defendant pleaded not guilty.

The Captain Superintendent of Police (Hon. Mr. E.D.C. Wolfe), producing the defendant's application for engagement on the Gaol Staff, said that the officer joined locally on the 13th February last. He (Mr. Wolfe) did not wish to press the charge to any great extent, but he wanted to point out that some penalty should be imposed on this officer who absented himself for five days and consequently caused the Gaol officers and Police some considerable trouble in locating him. These circumstances called for some sort of penalty. Mr. Wolfe concluded, though he did not press for a heavy one, as in addition the defendant would be dealt with departmentally.

The defendant said his conduct was influenced by the effects of shell shock and gas, in addition to which he took some whisky which prevented him from realising the gravity of his action in absenting himself from duty.

A fine of \$25 was imposed, or, in default of payment, one month's hard labour.

as the Heads of the Technical Department of Military Aviation (Italy), conceived this plane on the basis of the most complete scientific, theoretical and practical improvements, and demonstrated its usefulness in the late war. The third initial was borrowed from the name of the place where this type of aircraft was first constructed, namely "Aeronautics Docks, Ansaldo."

Lieut. Massiero, who is the pilot of the first machine of the squadron to arrive in the Far East, has been compelled by engine troubles to land at Ubon (Siam) whilst doing the Bangkok-Hanoi relay. He has a distinguished war record, being victorious in many aerial fights which won for him many tokens of recognition from his Government. Like many other aviators who do not desire that their flying careers should end with the war, Massiero transferred, at the Armistice, his activities to the study of commercial aviation and has accomplished many noteworthy flights, amongst which was one from Rome to Warsaw.

The statement made recently by an official of the London-Paris Air Mail Service to a correspondent of the Observer on the satisfactory working of the service is gratifying as furnishing definite proof of the commercial value of such a service. In the first 26 weeks, he says, 373 flights were scheduled and of these it was possible to complete 305. The 68 which had either been cancelled or not completed were handicapped not by any difficulty experienced with weather conditions, or technical defects, but solely by the one obstacle for the removal of which the application of science is being made with hopeful results—namely, the obscuring of the route at some localities by thick banks of mist or fog. Otherwise there was nothing to criticise, one gratifying fact being that not a single mail was lost during the six months that the service has been in existence. The promise of an aerial postage rate that will not exceed the cost incurred in the ordinary way is held out by the concern, which states that, given a full daily load of mails, the rate will come down to three farthings from the experimental charge of half-a-crown.

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

The famous banking house of Messrs. Coutts, in the Strand, is to have its war memorial in the main banking hall, just below the clock. The bank lost many of its staff in the war, and the memorial will be a somewhat ambitious, and also a well-designed, affair. The names will be on stone panels, which will be supported by bronze figures. A dummy was placed in the position a few days ago that the effect of the finished work might be estimated. It seemed to be generally satisfactory.

Among the more interesting personal relics that were recently sold by auction, were Nelson's favourite gun, one of his gold rings, a cup and saucer, a punch bowl, chairs from his cabin on the Victory, a prayer-book, and a lock of his hair. Perhaps the main interest, however, was centred round an "Improv'd Day or Night" telescope, made by Dobson and Baker, Chiswell-street, London, and inscribed: "Horatio Nelson, the gift of his affectionate father." Was this, one wonders, the same instrument that Nelson clapped to his blind eye?

To Guildford, the ancient capital town of Surrey, belongs the honour of being the first corporation to identify itself with the co-partnership building movement. Onslow Village, which is to be the scene of this enterprise, is an estate of one square mile, situated most picturesquely on high ground overlooking the town. About 1,000 houses will be erected, and the name of the new garden village will be another link with the Earl of Onslow's family, which provided a Speaker for the House of Commons, and, in more recent years, a popular Governor of New Zealand.

The fine bells of Epsom Parish Church are to be recast and placed in a wrought steel frame at a cost of £1,000. This practice—which is growing of placing bells in steel cages only dates from about the eighties. It has many opponents. Bell founders—and these are not many in opinion. Campanologists, one believes, are more often than not opposed, as they think that bells hung in steel frames, in place of oak, lose in sweetness of tone. Architects, again, discuss the matter from the point of view of the stress on the tower. Quite a pretty problem.

The Prime Minister's reply to a question about Sir Auckland Geddes's pay and allowances as British Ambassador at Washington threw a light on the difficulty which Mr. Lloyd George had met with in nominating a successor to Viscount Grey. It has been notorious that the cost of maintaining the Embassy in suitable state has been enormously enhanced of late years; that, as a recent occupant of the post is credited with saying, "Ten thousand a year went nowhere." It had become necessary to make a large provision than any hitherto contemplated, especially if the new Ambassador were no longer to be expected by drawing upon his private means. Hence the liberal allowance for entertainment—now allocated of £17,500 a year. From all accounts this allowance will be fully required in the coming year.

Denham Place, near Uxbridge, which the Way family is disposing of has been the subject of a good deal of notice in the Press recently. But one has not yet seen any suggestion that this fine house might be reasonably deemed worthy of acquisition by the nation. The house, which is beautifully situated, with the river Misbourne running through its garden, was built about 1702. It possesses unique fittings, which certainly should be preserved, and which would be better preserved in situ at Denham than in South Kensington Museum. These fittings include the very fine Dutch plaster-cornice and frieze in the principal reception room, and all sorts of beautiful panelling and fittings throughout the house. The chapel is furnished with an extremely interesting Gothic screen and pews or benches with poppy heads. These were as likely as not brought to the house at the time of its building. In any case, the whole should be placed beyond the danger of destruction.

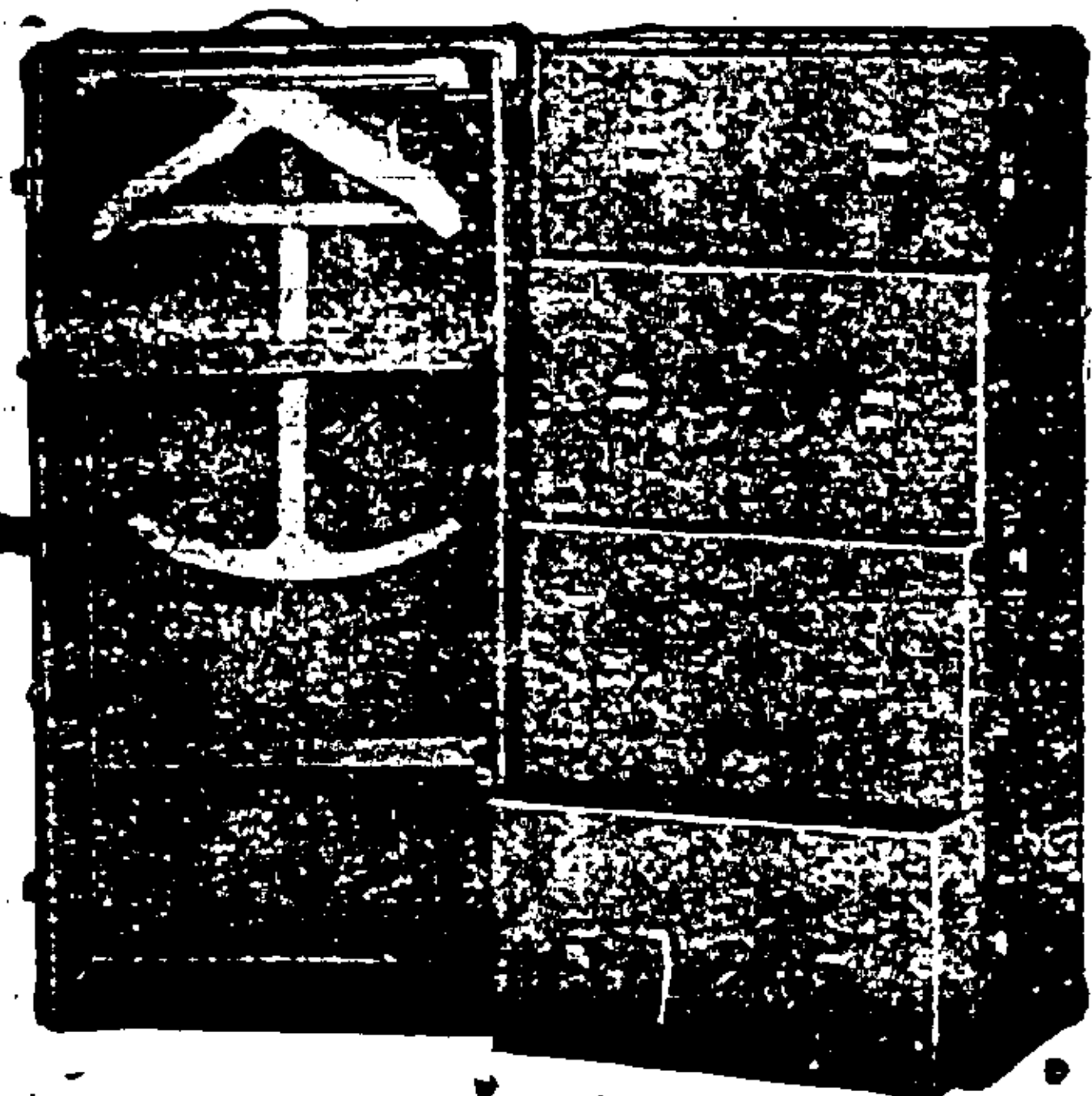
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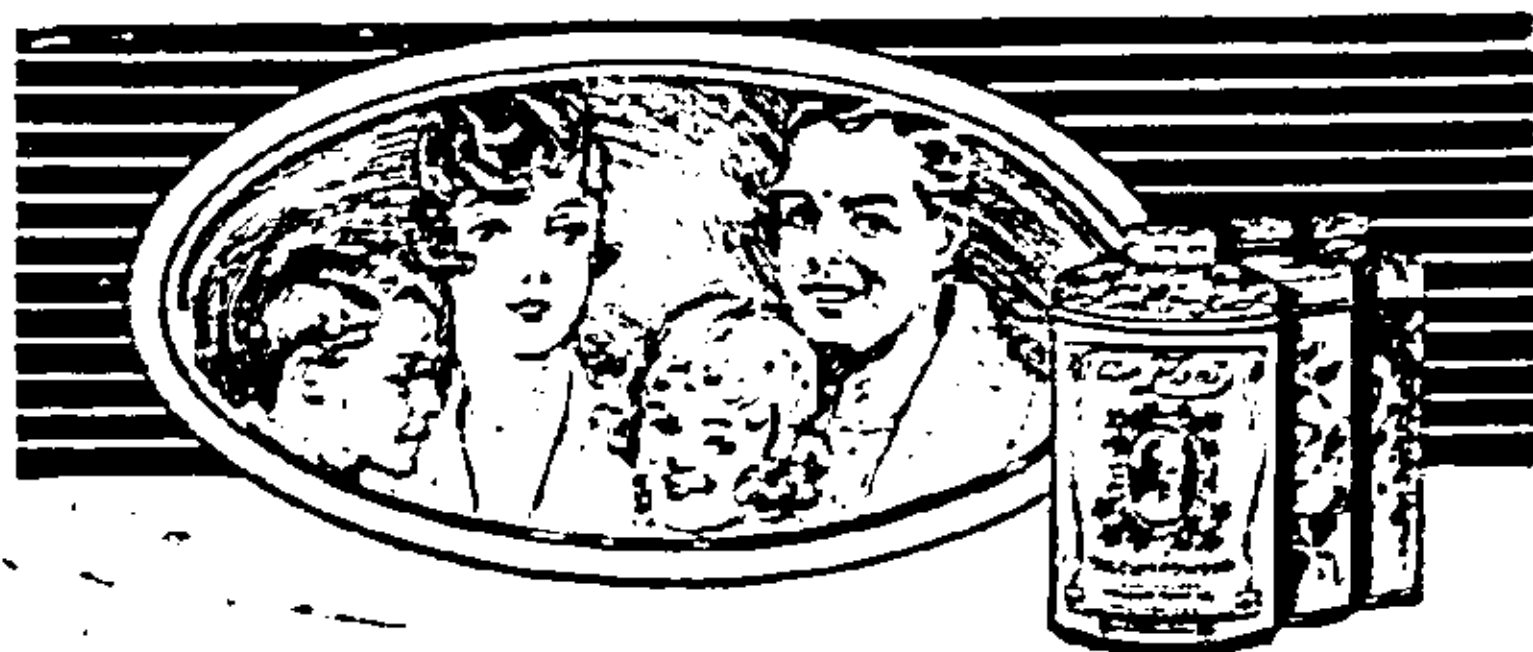


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FROM THE PULPIT.

(Continued from Page 4.)

See that you aim at nothing less than the stature of perfect manhood in Christ and you will no more be a grasshopper in your own sight or that of others. "With God's help possible," is the motto for you, and nothing meaner.

The late Lord Kitchener is said to have received once from a subordinate a long explanation why a certain order could not be carried out. The general listened to the end and then remarked, "Your reasons for not doing it are the best I ever heard; now go and do it." Does not the same rejoinder often make itself heard in our own consciences when all our excuses have been tabulated?

The same principles apply in the application of Christian principle on any serious scale to practical affairs. Without courage it is never done, for there is never any of formidable reasons to the contrary.

Yesterday's news was that a body of prominent London business men are appealing for funds for an active propaganda in favour of the League of Nations on the ground that it has become an absolute necessity as a business proposition, and is the only alternative to another war which would utterly ruin the industry and commerce of the whole of Europe. That is good reading. It is always good to find practical men making the discovery that the Kingdom of God is the most practical thing in the world, in this case that the choice looks like being between the Kingdom of God and no world at all. Fear of general collapse is urging us forward on the path we ought to have taken long ago, and nothing is needed for it more distinctly than continued courage, for there are gigantic hindrances in the way they will never be overcome if the grasshopper view of possibility is adopted. "It can be done," is said to be the motto exhibited in all the offices of one of the greatest of American trading corporations; it is a fine motto, for trade, or Christianity, or international politics either. Nothing can be more clear than that the present generation is called upon to will determinedly and act boldly toward the happier social conditions and nobler international relations which every sane person not only admits are greatly to be desired but is coming to see must verily be established if only for self-preservation's sake.

"With God's help possible," is what we must resolve, as Caleb and Joshua did. Their words brought them a shower of stones at the time, but they lived to see them come true, and I have hope that those who to-day are young will live to see ideals which some of us have been trying to uphold all our lives in face of unbelief and contempt; practical embodied in the affairs of life. For I think there is ground for applying the acute observation of old Caleb to certain of the gigantic hindrances which we see to-day. "Their defence is departed from them," said he, "and the Lord is with us," and well he knew that better a God-defended grasshopper than a God-deserted giant. The hollowness of much that had made itself great has met with telling exposure in the events which of late have shaken the world. Mankind has bitter reason to distrust the methods of force and materialism which have brought us to our present pass. We are coming to perceive, however imperfectly, that instead of deriding our ideals we must put forth our utmost efforts to get them embodied in practice. It can be done. If there is enough will, the way will be found; if not, there is another long turn in the old wilderness for our poor humanity.

The League of Nations and all that hangs on it is but one illustration. Endless others might be given. Too long we have let ourselves put up hopelessly and timorously with what are called irremediable evils, which are only irremediable because we have not really the will to overcome them. Drink, lust, oppressive exploitations—these are to be endured for ever? Let us say of their removal that it can be done, for to whine that it cannot is disloyalty to our Lord. Who was manifested that He might destroy the works of the devil? Not one word about God is there in the whole of that long majority report from preamble to conclusion, but Jehovah's great name is cited three times in that of the momentarily defeated minority, though it is not half the length. Truly it is an old story—

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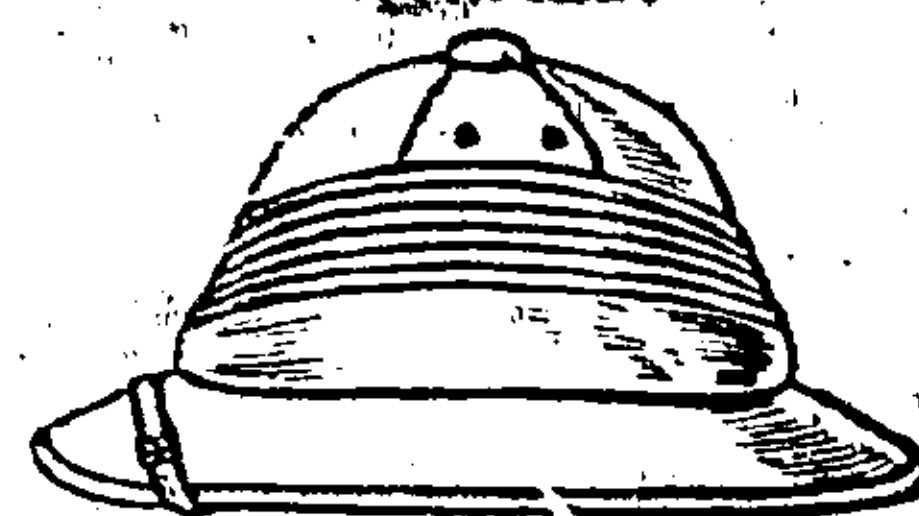
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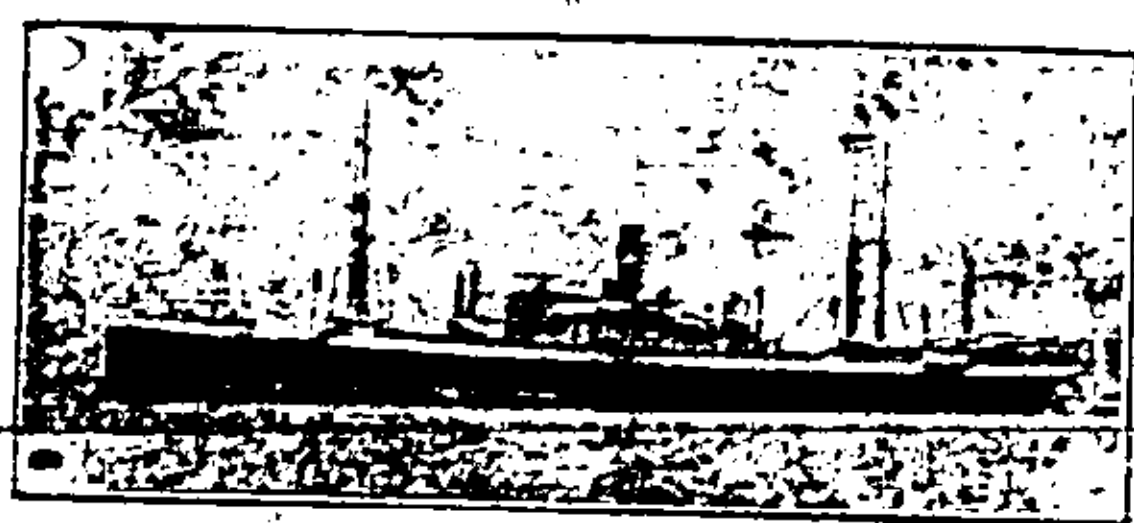
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MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The N. Y. K. s.s. KITANO M. (European Line) left London for this port via Suez on the 20th March and is expected here on the 26th April.

The R. M. S. MONTEAGLE arrived at Yokohama on April 9th, left there April 9th and is due at Vancouver on April 23rd.

The N. Y. K. s.s. INARA M. (European Line) left London for this port via Suez on the 9th April, and is expected here on the 19th May.

The N. Y. K. s.s. SUWA M. (American Line) left Kobe for this port via Manila on the 11th April and is expected here on the 24th April.

The N. Y. K. s.s. TENSHO M. (European Line) left Calcutta for this port via Rangoon and Singapore, on the 8th April, and is expected here on the 29th April.

The American & Manchurian Line s.s. KALEMBE left Singapore for Manila on 13th April and may be expected here on the 25th instant.

The N. Y. K. s.s. TSUSHIMA M. (Liverpool Line) left Liverpool for this port via Suez, on the 10th April, and is expected here on the 22nd May.

The N. Y. K. s.s. TOTOMI M. (Bombay Line) left Bombay for this port direct on the 13th April, and is expected here on the 3rd May.

The N. Y. K. s.s. YETOROFU M. (Calcutta Line) left Calcutta for this port via Penang and Singapore, on the 13th April, and is expected here on the 3rd May.

The Dollar Line Company's s.s. M. S. DOLLAR (Vancouver Run) left Vancouver, on March 25th, and is due in Hongkong May 2nd.

The R. M. S. EMPRESS OF ASIA, arrived at Yokohama on 16th April, left there 17th April, and is due at Vancouver on 25th April.

The Pacific Mail S.S. Co. is in receipt of telegraphic advice from its Singapore Office to the effect that the s.s. LAKE FIELDING, Voyage 1-Out, left that Port on the 16th inst., and may be expected here on or about Thursday April 22nd.

The N. Y. K. s.s. TOYO M. No. 2, (Calcutta Line) left Calcutta for this port via Rangoon and Singapore on the 15th April, and is expected here on the 5th May.

The Robert Dollar Company's U.S.B. s.s. WEST CADRON (San Francisco Run) left that port on March 13th, and is due in Hongkong April 28th.

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PASSENGERS DEPARTED.

Per s.s. PERSIA MARU, on 19th April, 1920—Miss M. F. Ayer, Mrs. N. B. Atkins, Miss M. Andrews, Miss L. A. Boyd, Mr. M. S. Brownold, Mr. H. B. Phaynani, Mr. & Mrs. S. W. Bass, Mr. & Mrs. F. M. Dodd, Mr. & Mrs. J. A. Enos, Mr. & Mrs. K. Fukui, Mrs. A. B. Horner, Mr. R. B. Hall, Pay-Loh, H. Holt, Mrs. R. A. Heacock, Mrs. M. K. Jobsis, Mrs. G. B. King, Mr. Kimura, Dr. E. W. Landon, Mr. B. S. Luis, Miss M. R. MacDonald, Mr. E. A. Murphy, Mr. G. Mendoza, Mr. S. Nakano, Mr. M. Noga, Mr. A. Ronald, Mr. & Mrs. Bisgaard Thomsen, Mr. T. Teijima, Mr. F. G. Tew, Mr. S. A. V. Uddell, Mr. & Mrs. H. C. Vella, Mr. & Mrs. V. C. Wright, Mr. & Mrs. A. Wilkins, Mrs. B. E. Zeiningor.

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FAMOUS GIRL SWIMMERS.



The girl swimmers were also here last night, appearing prominently in aquatic events in America. All being members of the A.A.U. They have been participating in the swimming events of the recent Olympic Games held this summer at Antwerp. Requests have been made by Sweden and other countries to transfer the limited programme of water sports, and it is expected that Britain will back up the suggestion, which includes the swimming of the following international events:—100, 200, 400 and 800 meters free style; 200 meters back stroke; 200 meters breast stroke; 100 meters butterfly; and 100 meters relay race for women.

Designs of the Moment.

Bathing costumes for the swimming season are divided into two classes, those made for the sun and those made for the sea. Once upon a time it really seems as if the same garment performed both services. You remember those blue flannel, white-trimmed bathing suits with skirts that came to the ankle and those atrocious straw hats tied under the chin? They truly belonged to the utilitarian days! And now what a difference. Blue flannel has long since been fast aside for shimmering satins, gorgeously figured fabrics and, most wonderful of all, the velvet suits made of the finest quality of silk black velvet.

Here is a material no one ever suspected of being waterproof. Yet after the entire garment is dipped in the surf at once, there is no spotty effect; in fact, the result is alarmingly "fermaid." Velvet is often combined with taffeta, a particularly fascinating model having a frilled skirt of taffeta with straight bodice of velvet.

The bathing costumes this year are not characterized by extreme brevity as was the case two seasons ago when some of the beach custodians decided that the skirts ended too near the waist and the bodices ceased not far from where they began.

FANTASTIC FABRICS THE MODE.

However, daring is ever the most interesting characteristic of surf clothes, and there is always sure to be a startling element. This season it is given by the employment of fantastic fabrics for garments that will probably never get nearer the water than the salty fringe of sand. The loveliest materials are used, some of which are hand dyed in Batik designs to suit the fancy of the wearers. Feminine extravagance was never more clearly exemplified than in the deliberate use of finest textures for bathing suits that can hardly be expected to stand the damaging effects of sun.

Paradise although it may seem, these elaborate models are not the costliest. That distinction belongs to the wonderful, pure silk jerseys made in straight lines and worn with Annette Keller-manns of the same fabric. A very striking design shows the "Annettes" in two-tone stripes with two overslips of satin, one being cut very low under the arms to reveal the under garment. With slips the same colour as the stripes, a rather may all striking variety to her surf attire.

Nothing has been designed to take the place of the three-piece knitted jersey suits, in the estimation of the really aquatic maid. Jersey gives so much freedom of movement. Even here, new wrinkles are introduced in the way of slashed skirts held in place by narrow bands of a contrasting colour, original treatment of the neck lines and the use of straps in lieu of sleeves. The novel colour combinations add a touch of individuality to these practical garments.

BEACH SETS OF RUBBERIZED SILK.

When coloured umbrellas first burst upon our vision they were in solid colours, purples, reds, blues and browns. Now they are plaid, striped and even polka dotted, and sometimes they are made of rubberized silk in the gayest of corse and bright plaid. There are handles that have straps and bracelets suspend the umbrella from the wrist and these are a comfort since they leave the hands free. Think what a boon they would have been in the days when skirts had to be held up! For the practical woman these umbrellas serve a two-fold purpose, as they may be used for sun as well as rain.

Bathingsuits, the very smartest, are made of rubberized silk, with stunning beach caps and capes to carry out the beach costume, and perhaps a parasol as well. Unlike many of the show costumes one sees at fashionable beaches, these are quite safe to wear in the water, and after all that is a matter one should consider.

JOTTINGS.

FOR THE BATHING SEASON.

With the near approach of the bathing season, ladies will be looking out for new costumes which they can show off to advantage at the delightful picnics which are a feature of Hongkong life during the summer. They will be interested to hear that Messrs. Lane, Crawford and Co. have just received a new consignment in the latest styles, of striking colour and design, made both in stockingette and silk. The firm also has a new lot of similar costumes for children.

TWO SMART BATHING COSTUMES.



The figure on the right is wearing a silk jersey costume in emerald green with navy stripes, and a cap to match, while the figure on the left displays one of the new rubberized silks in a shade of mauve, and a crown cap with a purple band.

SPORTS CLOTHES.

ARE THEY ON THE WANE?

With one's fingers on the style pulse of the world; that is, the world which concerns itself with what smart women wear, it must be admitted that there is some conflict of opinion as to the importance of the sweater. This remarkable development of a few seasons ago reached the point where it seemed impossible to imagine going through a summer season without a variety of multi-coloured sweaters in silk, wool, alpaca and whatever seemed the most desirable.

It seems apparent, that sweaters are less gay in colour than they were a season or so ago. In fact, this year there is a tendency to have one's sweater white, while it may be remembered that last season the all-black sweater was the favourite. Black still retains a warm spot in our affections, but the white silk sweater, trimmed perhaps with Roman stripes or with black angora, is the real leader. Camel's hair and silks in soft tan are next in choice, with purple following.

It was last season that threads of metal began to creep into silk sweaters, and that long fringe and other rather fanciful effects began to make us realize that a sweater could be a very complicated affair for all its boasted simplicity of effect. This season there are still metal threads, but even newer than this are those of chenille.

A very smart green silk model is made with encrustations of diamond formations in black decorating its collar. On the subject of collars it may be said, too, that many of the newer sweaters have scarf collars which may be adjusted to suit one's mood. Most of the scarfs have a pocket in one or both ends—just the place to tuck one's easily bordered handkerchief, which, of course, carries out the colour scheme.

For those who like novelty for novelty's sake there are sweaters of the slip-on or tie-about type, with buttons on one or both shoulders, and with all sorts of tricky little details. For instance, such a sweater may have a vest effect emphasised with rows of buttons. Or it may have a cowl collar—or a dozen or more little originalities which make it individual.

Reports from Monte Carlo tell of the decreasing popularity of sport styles in general. Knitted overblouses and all knitted dresses have had a great furore at this resort. It was the custom for women to don them for déjeuner and wear them till evening. But now the order of the day has changed in favour of embroidered frocks, that are not at all in the same scheme of things as knitted sweaters or frocks.

NOVELTIES AND THE OPEN MIND.

THE IMPORTANCE OF LITTLE THINGS.

Nothing much more frivolous than the new handkerchiefs can be imagined. One can, of course, cleave to the square of dainty hemstitched linen with its simple white monogram, but if one does, one stands before the court of fashion convicted of being conventional.

The summer girl who wears white a good deal likes a bright bordered handkerchief and if she has a collection of gay sweaters the border must carry and repeat the colour.

Not infrequently the girl who has taken to short sleeves, takes to bangles both below and above her elbow. It has been suggested that the idea of decorating one's arms is the result of the arm decorations of the army and navy, and certainly the fad of wearing one's soldiers' sweet-heart identification tag as a bracelet seems to have been responsible for the vogue to a limited extent. But whatever the cause, the fad is here and the arms of the summer girl are as decorated as those of the ex-soldier.

The above-the-elbow bracelet, like many other delightful fads, originated on the stage and in Paris, where a great percentage of chic women have adopted it with enthusiasm. Those of all white or all black or a combination of the two are the best liked, but one occasionally finds them in coral or jade, amber or tortoise; indeed the latter is much in evidence. Gold is a long way down on the list of favourites and is only worn unless one wears lovely jewelry and will wear nothing but the really lovely things displayed by the jewellers of today.

The very latest reports are that wrist watches have had to be let out so that they may become not wrist, but arm watches and large enough to be worn above the elbow. It does not sound like a sensible place to wear one's watch, but that is no argument against its adoption. The fad may easily become a fashion.

In these days it is decidedly wise for the woman who is ambitious to be regarded as well dressed to take heed of the little things which go to make up a perfect ensemble.

Even a very effective handkerchief can lift a costume from the commonplace. And by the comparatively inexpensive fangles one may be known as a follower of the latest mode.

In spite of the fact that current reports declare that the machine contingent have lavished compliments on the women who have layered their beautifully moulded arms (and therefore there is small danger of their hiding their charms in wrinkled gloves) there are many conservative women who would not dream of going forth ungloved.

Long gloves are being worn for evening, in spite of their price which is all out of proportion to their intrinsic worth. Stores report a constantly growing demand for both sixteen and twenty-button sueded and glaces.

JOTTINGS.

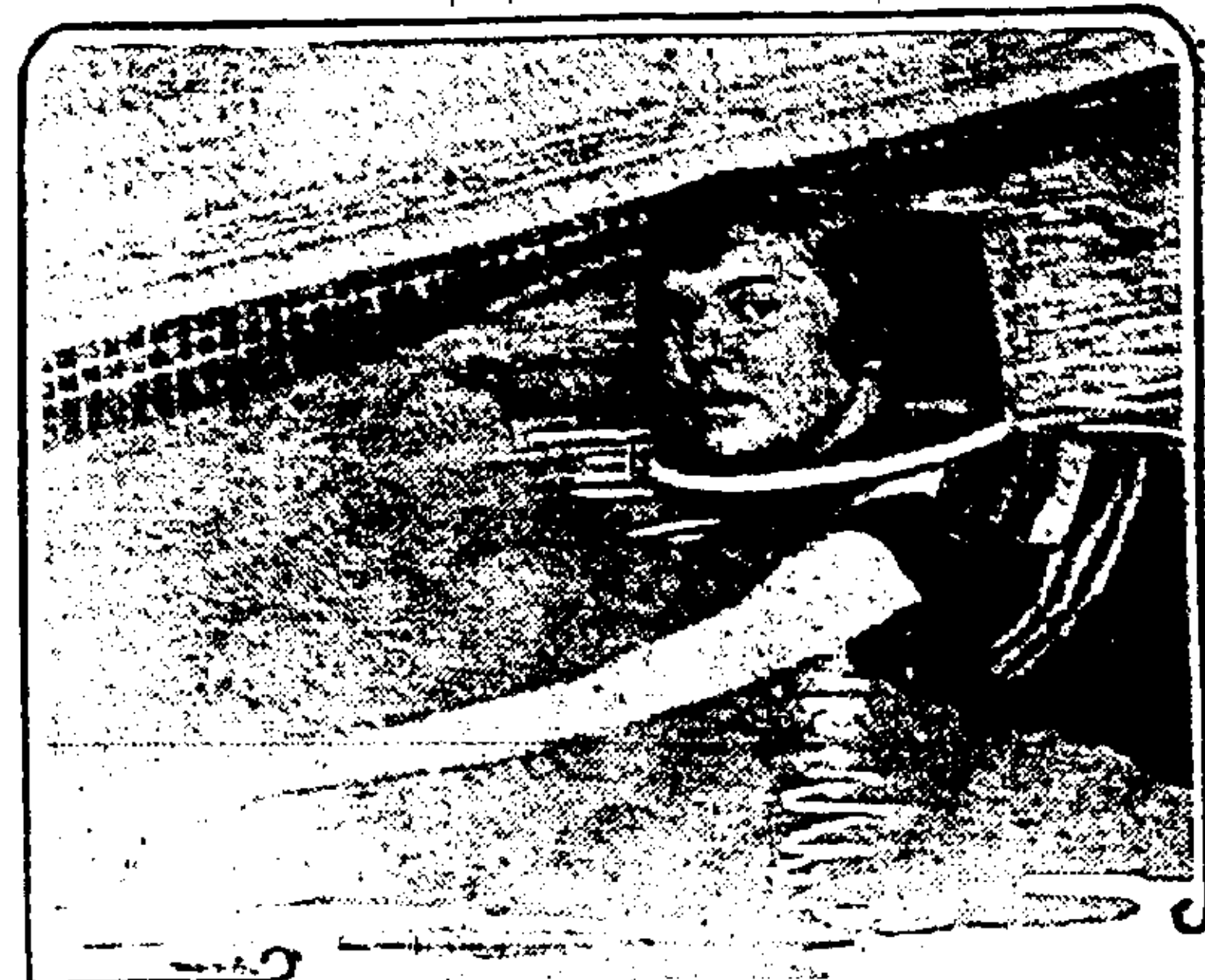
STRAYING WISPS.

In spite of their universal popularity berets and tam o'shanters are still worn even by the best dressed women, doubtless because of their extreme suitability to this season. But far too many wearers overlook the necessity for a tidy head of hair when adorned by a beret. Straying wisps give a woefully bedraggled picture.

FLOWER BRACELETS.

To the girl who does not possess a collection of bracelets to wear with her no-sleeve or very short-sleeved frocks, and who yet wishes for variety, one commends the idea of "above-the-elbow" bracelets of little artificial flowers. Narrow gold or silver ribbons attached from them to the frock itself give a delightful effect. Worn at the wrist they look equally attractive.

SWIMMING COLLAR TO AID LEARNERS.



A new device suggested to aid learners in learning to swim, is the "Swimming Collar," a water-tight affair made of transparent celluloid. It has a sheet of rubber across the bottom which fits snugly around the neck. Its designers claim it makes swimming easy as it holds one's head in a correct position. Ladies should be interested because it keeps the hair dry.

JOTTINGS.

NET BLOUSES FORTIFAR.

Blouses are showing net as a material highly favoured, particularly when it is combined with lace as trimming. Another feature of the new blouses from Paris is the long sleeves which appear in almost every style. These either come in tightly about the wrist, or hang in bell-fashion over the hand.

A NOVEL IDEA.



We have all heard of the modern fashion of ladies having designs painted on their backs and shoulders as an additional attraction to evening wear. The latest idea along similar lines is the depicting of initials on the shoulders of lady bathers. This process is aided by the sun, and is illustrated in the above picture. This lady has had her initials painted on her back with a preparation which can be removed easily. She will become quite tanned while enjoying herself on the beach and all of her shoulders, excepting the little bit under the paint, will be tanned. Then all she has to do is to wash off the paint and her initials will remain in natural flesh colour.

JOTTINGS.

BROLLEY RINGS.

Many of the newest umbrellas have no handles. The stick ends level with the tips of the ribs, and is terminated with a ring by which you carry it and hold it when it is up. A brown silk brolly with an amber ring and a navy one with ivory—the latter "made to order" for a well-known peeress—were shown at a big West End shop. The handleless umbrella fashion has many good points and may be noted by those who have broken-down camps waiting for repairs. The handleless umbrella comes right down over you when in use. It reminds one of the old carriage umbrellas in that respect.

OMITTING THE WEDDING RING. Having reduced the wedding ring to the merest wire of platinum, quite a lot of smart women nowadays are omitting to wear one at all, while others use it as a substitute for the plain gold ring one of the whole hoops of diamonds that are so popular; yet if one addresses these folk as Miss instead of Mrs., they don't seem to like it at all, an unreasonable attitude to adopt under the circumstances, don't you think? One good lady stated that she feels positively overdressed with a wedding ring on; yet she never omits her elbow bracelet, and wears earrings down to her neck.

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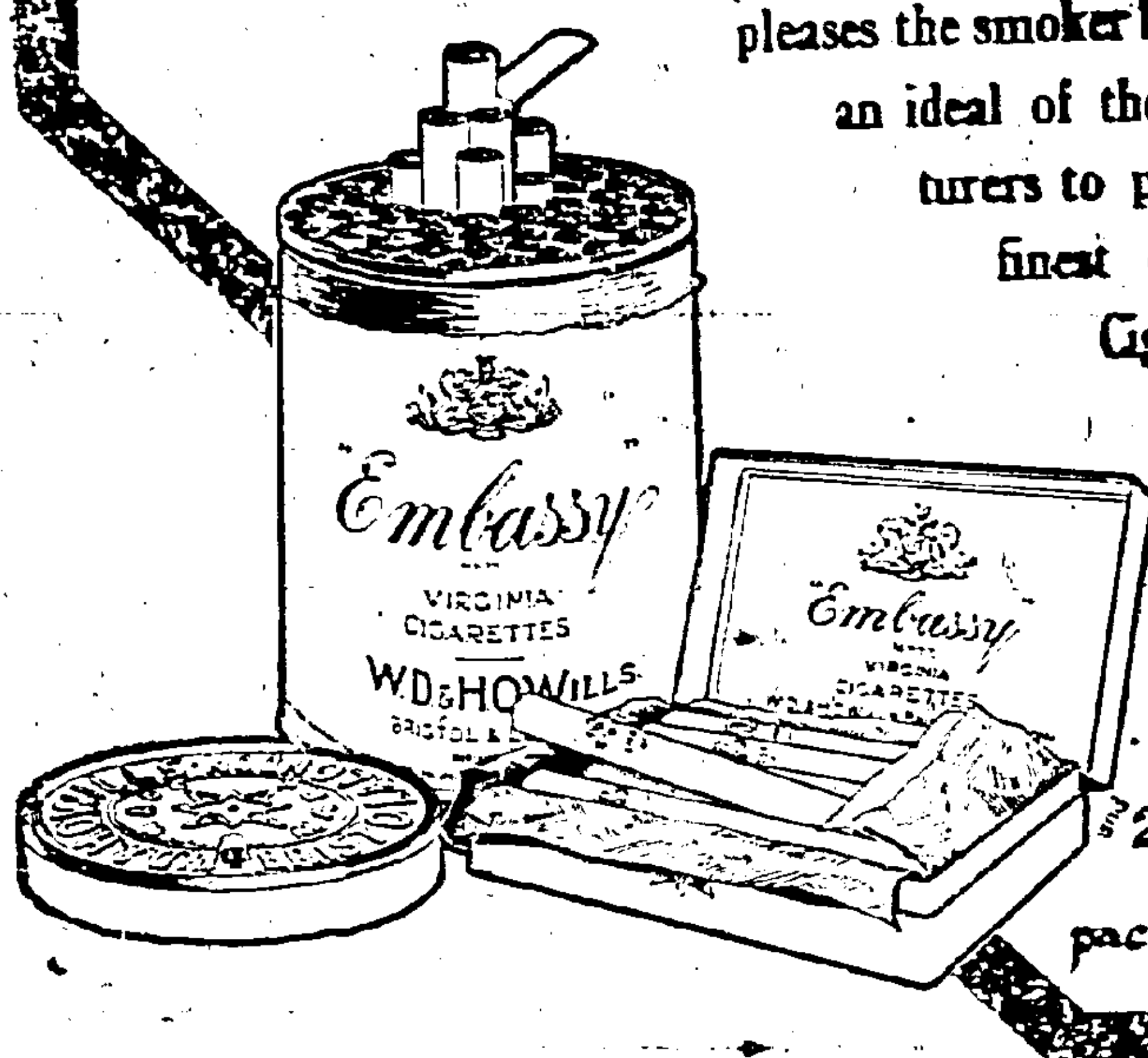
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INWARD MAILS.

Shanghai—Per TEAN, 21st April.
Shanghai—Per KWEILIN, 22nd April.

U.S.A., Japan and Manila—Per SUWA M., 24th April.

Shanghai & Japan—Per YOKOHAMA MARU, 24th April.

Straits—Per KITANO M., 24th April.

OUTWARD MAILS.

TO-MORROW.

Swatow, Amoy and Fuzhou via Takao—Per SOSHU MARU, 22nd April, 9 a.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per SUNNING, 22nd April, 11 a.m.

Japan via Yokohama—Per TJI-SALAK, 22nd April, noon.

Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, S. Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—Per FOKESANG, 22nd April, 2 p.m.

Formosa via Takao—Per FUKI MARU, 22nd April, 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, 23RD APRIL.

Swatow, Amoy & Fuzhou—Per MORIALTA, 23rd April, noon.

Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, S. Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt & Europe via Suez—Per RHESUS, 23rd April, Reg. 12.15 p.m. Letters 1.30 p.m.

The Parcel Mail will be closed on Thursday, 22nd April, at 5 p.m.

Tientsin—Per HUICHOW, 23rd April, 2 p.m.

Philippine Islands—Per YUEN-SANG, 23rd April, 2 p.m.

SATURDAY, 24TH APRIL.

Shanghai and North China—Per TEAN, 24th April, 9 a.m.

SUNDAY, 25TH APRIL.

Swatow, Amoy and Fuzhou via Keelung—Per AMAKUSA MARU, 25th April, 9 a.m.

Straits, Java & Port Moresby via Batavia—Per THLATJAP, 25th April, 9 a.m.

Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, S. Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—Per YOKOHAMA MARU, 25th April, Reg. 9 a.m. Letters 9 a.m.

TUESDAY, 27TH APRIL.

Swatow & Bangkok—Per CHIN-HUA, 27th April, 9 a.m.

Shanghai, North China & Japan via Kobe—Per KITANO MARU, 27th April, 10 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy & Fuzhou—Per HAIHONG, 27th April, noon.

Amoy & Shanghai North China—Per SHANTUNG, 27th April, 3 p.m.

SATURDAY, 30TH APRIL.

Shanghai and North China—Per SINKIANG, 30th April, 11 a.m.

FRIDAY, 30TH APRIL.

Philippine Islands, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Is.—Per NIKKO M., 30th April, Reg. 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.

Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, S. Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—Per TAMBA M., 30th April, Reg. 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy & Fuzhou—Per HAIHONG, 30th April, 1 p.m.

SUNDAY, 2ND MAY.

Shanghai, North China Japan via Nagasaki, Canada, United States, Central and South America & Europe via Victoria, B.C.—Per SUWA M., 2nd May, Reg. 9 a.m. Letters 9 a.m.

TUESDAY, 4TH MAY.

Philippine Is.—Per TAMING, 4th May, 3 p.m.

WEATHER REPORT

April 21st, P.M. 3.00.—No return from Japan and Vis. vessels. Prev. fair, increased considerably at 10.00 a.m. and clearing elsewhere. There are no clouds of a week and more to the north of the Vagabond.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ended at 11 a.m. today, 6.50 inches. Total since January 1st, 9.65 inches, against an average of 9.65 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

Daylight. N.E. wind, moderate, clearing at 11 a.m. from minor local rain.

1. H. going to Gay Hook.

2. Formosa Channel. N. wind, fresh.

3. South coast of China. S.W. breeze, between H.K. and Lamook, S.W. 1.

4. South coast of China. S.W. breeze, between H.K. and Hainan, S.W. 1.

C. W. JEFFRIES, Director.

Hongkong Observatory, Apr. 21, 1920.

METEOROLOGICAL.

Previous.

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CLAIMS AGAINST GERMAN FIRMS.

Claims by British subjects, resident in England and Wales, against persons or firms in Austria amounted to £15,560,208 on January 31. Mr. Bridgeman (Parliamentary Secretary, Board of Trade) states in a Parliamentary reply.

TO-DAY'S SHARE QUOTATIONS.

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H.K. & S. Banks	\$600
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	Hongkong	Hongkong	Hongkong	Hongkong
Mon. 19	9.15	5.15	9.15	5.15
Tues. 20	9.15	5.15	9.15	5.15
Wed. 21	9.15	5.15	9.15	5.15
Thurs. 22	9.15	5.15	9.15	5.15
Fri. 23	9.15	5.15	9.15	5.15
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